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Gov. Eloy S. Inos said the former La Fiesta Mall is up for grabs for anyone interested in developing it into a commercial operation that does not necessarily involve any form of gaming as previously planned. At the same time, House minority leader George Camacho (R-Saipan) prefiled yesterday a bill providing temporary 50 percent tax cut for businesses that will use a space at the former mall in San Roque.

"We have an open RFP [request for proposals] for that. [It's] still valid. We would be happy to talk about any potential development of La Fiesta," the governor told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview.

The CNMI government has been

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A colorful sign in front of the long defunct La Fiesta Mall in San Roque, taken on Saturday, is once again visible to passing motorists and pedestrians as a result of government and private sector cleanup of the property. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

'No room for political posturing'

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos, through press secretary Angel Demapan, said yesterday that the administration "recognizes the constitutional issue" that Rep. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan) brought up, that is why retirees can choose to opt out of the NMI Retirement Fund settlement deal with its proposed 25-percent pension deferment.

If the settlement deal fails, the Fund's future will remain uncertain until the issue is decided by further litigation.

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Faculty shortage delays start of some NMC classes

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Many students enrolled at the only community college on island will have to wait four weeks more before they can start attending their classes following information that some courses and programs will be delayed due to the lack of instructors.

Based on the Northern Marianas College website, yesterday was supposed to be the first day of instruction-

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USCIS: Those with CW, other nonimmigrant status ineligible for parole

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services deputy press secretary Marie Thérèse Sebrechts clarified yesterday that under immigration law, "individuals who have been granted CW or another nonimmigrant status are 'not' eligible to apply for parole."

A CW status refers to a "Commonwealth-only worker" status that expires on Dec. 31, 2014, unless the U.S. Secretary of Labor extends the transitional program.

Sebrechts issued the reminder following recent news stories and apparent confusion in the community about parole.

She encouraged people to visit the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov/cnmi.

Some nonresidents who legally worked for several years in the CNMI and whose contracts and CW permits have not been renewed by their employer have been asking whether they could apply for parole. Some who applied for parole were denied.

Some of them have minor U.S. citizen children while others don't.

There has also been misconception that CNMI employers prefer those with parole and employment authorization document, or EAD, over those whom employers need to petition for CW, both for financial and administrative reasons.

In a separate statement to the *Saipan Tribune*, Sebrechts reiterated that generally, it is a person's immigration status that gives a person the right of employment.

"In other words, people are granted the underlying immigration status, which then permits their employment, so they can apply for an EAD," she said.

This includes people in Nonimmigrant (NI) categories such as H-1B, L-1, etc.

"An individual cannot just apply for parole and get an EAD. We allowed people in the CNMI with pending NI applications (such as H-1B) to get EADs while awaiting the decision of their case, for example, but this was specifically because they had a pending Nonimmigrant Employment-Based Petition, such as an H-1B. We also allowed caregivers of Critical Medical or Special Need Individuals to apply for parole and EADs," she said.

If someone has additional questions, that person can make a free InfoPass appointment

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RNV Forex now an agent of BPInoy Remittance

RNV Forex is now an agent of BPInoy Remittance and this relationship was celebrated during a simple ceremony last Aug. 8 at the RNV Bldg. along Beach Road in Garapan.

Michelle Villariza said RNV Forex decided to become an agent of BPInoy to cater to the needs of Filipinos who send money to their loved ones back home.

"We want to give additional option to them and expedite remittance at their most convenient," she said.

Villariza said that people can send money through BPInoy by going to any of the nine locations associated with RNV Forex: RNV Forex Main Office at the RNV Bldg. along Beach Road in Garapan; Villaroyal Pawnshops in Dandan, Gualo Rai, Chalan Kanoa, Koblerville, Oleai in San Jose, and Rota branch; 3Hi-res Designs at the Marianas Business Plaza; and Island Store on Tinian

She said the service charge for direct credit to an account is only $5 and can be picked up at any Cebuana Lhuillier or M Lhuillier branches in the Philippines. For remittances, the charge is only $6.

Aside from the relatively cheaper remittance fee, Villariza said BPInoy also offers "Gift Remittance" options to Filipinos abroad that allow them to surprise relatives in the Philippines with food packages and other gifts like appliances.

She said BPInoy Remittance remitters can log on to www.jollibeepadala.com and just click on "View Packages" to check all the "Jollibee Padala Packages." Meal packages are good for five to six persons and the price ranges from Php1,000 to Php1,500 only.

BPInoy remitters who want to send appliances, gadgets, or any other items can just log on to www.ofwbestvalue.com.

"Once, our *kababayans* [countrymen] have decided on their gift remittances they can just go to any BPInoy remittance agents as mentioned earlier. We value good customer relationship and glad that we serve as the bridge of our *kababayans* in bringing joy to their families," said Villariza.

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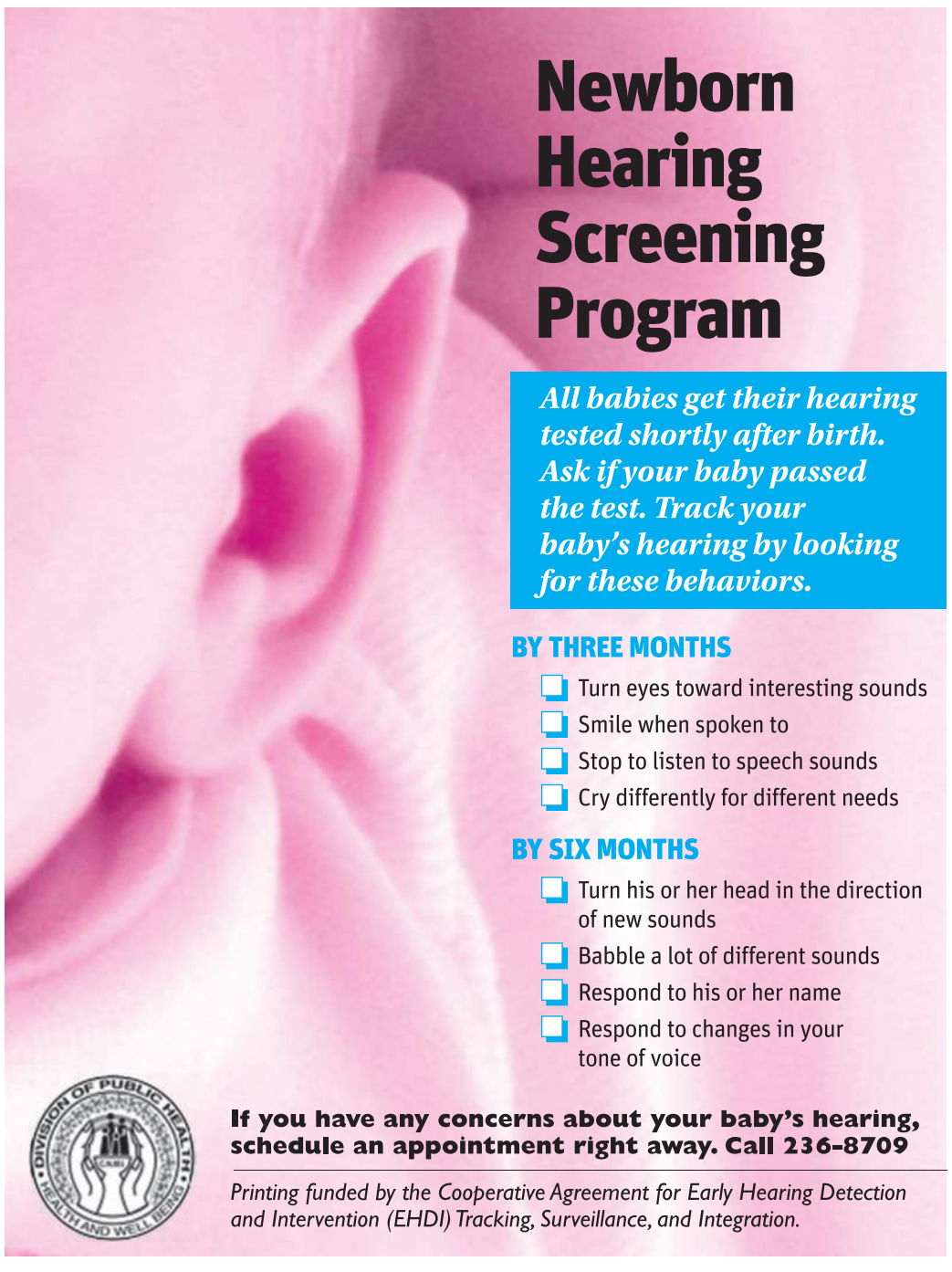
RNV Forex's Michelle Villariza poses in front of a BPInoy Remittance banner outside the RNV Bldg. along Beach Road in Garapan.

RNV Forex will also be having a special raffle promotion for all BPInoy remitters. All BPInoy remitters are entitled to a raffle ticket for every remittance. Winners will have a chance to win exciting items like grocery items, gadgets, and appliances. The raffle drawing will be on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, 2013.

In addition to the advantages Villariza already enumerated, RNV Forex owner Ruel Villacrusis said that BPInoy is also owned by Ayala Group in the Philippines.

"As such, it is very much stable financially and with unparalleled integrity. Money sent to our loved ones back home is financially secured. Just like PNB owned by Lucio Tan Group of Companies, RNV Forex is only committed to be an agent of well-established banks in our country. Both of them are liquid in terms of cash and assets." ***(Mark Rabago)***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Judge withholds sanction for prosecutor

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho yesterday settled the issue of a request to postpone the jury trial of businessman Ho Jin Yoon without holding in contempt or sanctioning assistant attorney general Chemere McField.

Camacho took into consideration defense attorney Richard W. Pierce's request to show some leniency for McField since she didn't intentionally mix up the trial scheduling.

The judge said the jury trial of Yoon will proceed as scheduled on Sept. 9, 2013.

McField had filed a motion to continue the jury trial.

This prompted Camacho to issue an order directing McField to appear in court yesterday and explain why she should not be held in contempt or sanctioned for asking to postpone the trial.

Camacho

Camacho noted that McField has a history of appearing at pre-trial conference and representing that the prosecution is ready for trial, only to return later with a request for the trial to be postponed or that the prosecution is not ready.

The judge said the court and court staffs have already initiated the jury summons process.

At the hearing yesterday, McField explained that assistant attorney general James McAllister set the trial date on Rota and now she handles Rota cases.

McField said the Saipan jury trial will go forward and that someone else will handle the Rota cases.

Chief prosecutor Shelli Neal also appeared in court in support of McField.

Police arrested Yoon in March 2013 for allegedly sexually abusing a 6-year-old girl. Yoon owns three retail stores on Saipan and one retail store in Guam. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

NMC set for 'mock' accreditation visit this month

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The Northern Marianas College is ready for its upcoming "mock" accreditation visit, a process that will gauge the institution's readiness for the actual team visit of the Accrediting Commission for Community Junior and Colleges in November.

NMC president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., said the college has already identified an external evaluator who will perform the mock visit by the end of this month.

This person, Hart said, will review all materials related to NMC's accreditation and meet all standard teams involved in developing the self-study report, which is due on Oct. 15.

The consulting evaluator will also do professional development for NMC employees.

Hart told *Saipan Tribune* that the external evaluator is also tasked to advise not only the management and standard teams but also the Board of Regents. These advices will pertain to all accreditation issues of the college.

"This individual will help us in setting the stage for the ACCJC visit [in October]," said Hart.

NMC was recently drawn into a sidebar crisis after the U.S. Department of Education stated that it plans to stop giving the college Title IV funds—NMC's biggest source of federal financial aid—for having two accreditations, a violation of its policy. After weeks of appeal and consultations, NMC was able to convince the USDOE to extend the grants for 18 months.

Hart admitted that this issue took away five weeks from NMC's focus on its accreditation work. Hart said, however, that all the effort paid off after they got the desired response from USDOE.

"Yes, a lot of time went into this [issue] but at the same time, it's paid off. We still have a number of key individuals who remain focused in addressing accreditation requirements so I can say we're pretty much on target on everything and we're following our timeline," said Hart.

NMC sought the services of an external evaluator in June to measure the college's success in meeting the recommendations of the accrediting commission.

NMC was placed on show-cause status by ACCJC and is now simultaneously working on its show-cause report and preparing for the actual on-site visit.

Amanda Allen, NMC's accreditation liaison officer, earlier said that many other institutions have used external evaluators to assess their accreditation visit readiness. Some colleges using similar services include the Guam Community College, Pasadena Community College, and Mt. Jacinto College.

Saipan Tribune learned that the mock site evaluator will work with college representatives in preparing for the kinds of questions and concerns that may be encountered during the actual site visit.

The evaluator will also use the ACCJC accreditation standards to prepare a report for NMC's use, analyzing the adequacy of NMC to meet the ACCJC standards as indicated in the action letter issued in February this year.

The mock site evaluator looks for coherence between what the institution asserts in its show-cause report and mock site visit interviews, and what evidence it provides in support of its assertions.

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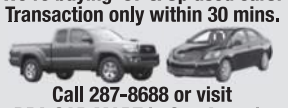
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EAP award cuts seen this semester

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Recipients of financial aid from the CNMI Scholarship Office may see changes in their grant awards this fall semester after its administrator affirmed that such changes are possible.

Administrator Rose Pangelinan disclosed that the expected changes will be with the Educational Assistance Program, or EAP, but by how much the grants will be reduced is not known yet.

"Award amounts haven't been determined [for this semester]. The amount is contingent upon the fiscal year 2014 budget, how many are the eligible EAP recipients, and the final award amount for all Honors Scholarship recipients," she said.

Pangelinan's office handles two scholarship programs: the EAP and the Honors scholarship program.

Under the EAP program, eligible applicants receive $1,050 per semester if they are pursuing education outside the Commonwealth. For EAP recipients enrolled at the Northern Marianas College, the financial assistance amounts to $908 per school year and $700 for quarter scholars.

According to Pangelinan, the Scholarship Office will pay all ongoing Honor Scholarship recipients first; the remainder will be for EAP recipients.

Honor recipients get up to $15,000 per semester, depending on the "unmet" needs of students. There are currently 40 scholars under this program, studying here and abroad.

The Honors scholarship program has stopped accepting new applicants beginning this semester as a result of the expiration of the sunset provision that created the program. All current beneficiaries are being assisted just so they complete their degrees.

Pangelinan cited several factors for the possible changes in the award amount for EAP. First is the new budget for fiscal year 2014, which remains pending at the Legislature.

Pangelinan also said that a student's "unmet" needs are expected to increase if the Honor Scholarship recipient will move from a community college to a university.

The number of EAP applicants, she said, also continues to rise among off-island students. Scholarship Office records show that 619 applicants were eligible in the fall 2012 semester, most of which were EAP scholars. This fall 2013 semester has already 928 applicants. Of this number, only 43 are covered by the Honor Scholarship program.

In fiscal year 2013, the budget for both scholarship programs totaled $1.6 million. For the new fiscal year, the administration has proposed $1.2 million.

Financial aid for the fall 2013 semester scholars will be sourced from the new budget appropriated by the Legislature.

Fiscal year 2014 is from Oct. 1, 2013, through Sept. 30, 2014.

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at http://infopass.uscis.gov, to speak to a USCIS officer in the CNMI local office.

As of yesterday, there is no telling whether the U.S. Secretary of Labor will extend the CW program by five years as Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) have requested.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said the governor has yet to hear from the U.S. Labor secretary as of yesterday.

An omnibus territorial bill in Congress that includes extending the CW program by five years also has yet to pass.

If the CW program is not extended beyond 2014, the CNMI loses access to over 12,000 skilled and professional foreign workers relied upon by the local tourism-based economy.

The CNMI government and private sector are one in saying this will lead to a collapse of the local economy once again, as there is still not enough U.S. workers to take over the jobs currently held by alien workers.

Moreover, there is no telling whether the U.S. Congress could send President Barack Obama a national immigration reform bill that also includes pathway to U.S. citizenship for long-term, legal aliens in the CNMI.

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New law renames Rota school

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed into law on Friday a bill officially renaming a Rota school "Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior/Senior High School," two years after the Board of Education merged the junior and high schools on the island.

Rep. Teresita Santos' (R-Rota) House Bill 18-64 is now Public Law 18-15.

A local law earlier signed, Rota Local Law 17-6, renamed the Rota Junior High School in Songsong the "Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior High School" in recognition and appreciation of Dr. Rita H. Inos' untiring and outstanding contributions to the Public School System and the CNMI people.

Inos was PSS commissioner from June 1998 to December 2005. She began her education career on the islands in 1972 until she passed away in 2009.

On Aug. 25, 2011, the Board of Education voted and approved to merge Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior High School and Rota High School.

"In light of the BOE's decision to merge the two schools, it would only be fitting that the name be kept," the new law says.

BOE approved the two Rota schools' merger to help save on operational cost, estimated then at $540,000, including savings on utility consumption as a result of shutting down some school buildings.

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members who opt out of the class exceeds the full amount payable in fiscal year 2014.

"This is a critical time in our history, there's simply no room for political posturing or bickering. At this point, the settlement is the best way to go," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune* when asked about Maratita's letter.

Demapan said, "Retirees can be certain that they will, at a minimum, have at least 75 percent of their benefits steadily paid to them while our leaders seek ways to increase this figure and ultimately, return to full restoration."

The press secretary also said it is "frustrating for the governor as he has made every effort to apprise and work with the Legislature on concertedly addressing this and other challenges" of the CNMI.

"The governor is grateful for the support of other lawmakers in joining the administration in its efforts to ensure the government meets its end of the settlement agreement," he said.

Inos has repeatedly told the public that the tentatively approved settlement agreement is "the best deal" that the CNMI can enter into given its financial constraints.

The governor earlier said the stakes are much higher if the settlement deal fails, including a consent judgment of $779 million.

Still, Maratita begs to differ.

Maratita told the governor in an Aug. 16 letter that in her view, the settlement deal is "unconstitutional, illegal, and a breach of fiduciary duty" to the CNMI people and the Fund members.

Other lawmakers continue to support the tentatively approved Fund settlement deal.

As of yesterday, a joint House-Senate resolution is being drafted to express the Legislature's support to the settlement agreement.

'Not urging them to opt out'

While she raised constitutional and other concerns about the settlement deal, Maratita said she is not encouraging Fund members to opt out of the settlement class.

"Each member can decide for themselves, what is right for them. I am not urging them to opt out," the lawmaker said in a phone interview yesterday, adding, however, that she has met people who expressed willingness to opt out.

Demapan, meanwhile, said that Maratita's letter has yet to reach the Office of the Governor as of close of business yesterday.

"Nonetheless, the administration reiterates that it recognizes the constitutional issue. That is why the settlement agreement provides for the plaintiffs' attorneys to contact the retirees to explain the terms of the settlement and then ask each retiree whether they choose to opt-in with the proposed cut or not," Demapan said.

Demapan echoed the governor's statement that in the event that the number of members who opt out exceeds 10 percent of the full amount payable in fiscal year 2014, "then the settlement is void and the future of the Fund will hang uncertain until decided by further litigation."

Maratita said her letter was sent to the governor's office on Friday. She said when she met the governor at an event on Saturday, the governor didn't mention her letter.

Recommendations

Maratita, in her letter, offered eight recommendations to the governor to ensure "fairness," including exempting from the 25-percent cut those that receive $15,000 or less in annual pension.

Demapan reiterated that the governor has not received Maratita's letter and thus is unaware of her proposals.

"However, what is known is that the governor, at this point, is more focused on working with the Legislature to infuse new revenues to help increase appropriations to the Fund. Every increase in funding to the Fund will be targeted toward restoring the benefit cuts proposed in the settlement," the press secretary said.

Among Maratita's recommendations is a corresponding 25 percent cut from the CNMI budget "so that everyone shares the burden and enjoys the benefits alike."

The administration is not considering such proposed austerity.

"The governor, although a retiree himself, also remains cognizant of the plight of active employees, who already shared in the pain by having to work on a reduced 64-hour pay period for two years. Interestingly, when active employees were forced to work under reduced hours, Rep. Maratita did not call for retirees to 'share the burden,'" Demapan said.

When asked whether her letter is some sort of "sour graping" after the governor picked another person to become Department of Community and Cultural Affairs over her, Maratita said this has nothing to do with that.

"As an elected official I have a fiduciary duty to uphold the Constitution," Maratita said.

She hopes to receive a response letter from the governor.

The governor, according to Demapan, also believes that "at this point," only Maratita among lawmakers is taking a different view.

Inos has been holding townhall meetings to make Fund members understand the settlement agreement and get their support. Inos has also been answering questions from the crowd at townhall meetings.

A townhall meeting is a rarity among CNMI governors.

Inos will hold a townhall meeting today on Rota, and on Tinian on Thursday.

The court has already tentatively approved the settlement deal, and any changes to such deal needs the agreement of all parties involved, not only the CNMI government.

FACULTY

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al classes for all fall 2013 programs and courses. The last day of instruction for the semester is slated for Dec. 6.

Barbara Merfalen, dean of Academic Programs and Services, confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that about 20 percent of fall 2013 courses will have a new start date of Sept. 16—almost a month later than the scheduled opening yesterday.

The decision to postpone, *Saipan Tribune* learned, is so that all courses "are aligned with specialized degrees" pursuant to the new policy adopted by the Board of Regents.

"The college requires additional time to complete the hiring process for new instructors who meet the minimum qualifications policy that was approved earlier this month," according to Merfalen.

The new policy adopted early this month mandates a minimum qualification for instructional faculty members. A third of about 27 faculty members failed to meet the qualifications required by the new policy. Affected faculty members were told they may be transferred to other areas of operation where their services are needed.

Merfalen said the postponement "will provide the college an opportunity to offer additional courses and sections that will help students meet their degree requirements."

Also, she said, students who have not registered for classes will be given additional time to do so.

"The postponement of courses allows the college additional time and flexibility to recruit and hire full time and adjunct instructors. It also provides students additional time to register for these classes since registration for classes has also been extended," said Merfalen.

Although the start of some courses will be postponed, Merfalen said that the minimum required contact hours will not be affected. Contact hours refer to the amount of time that a student spends interacting directly with a faculty in the classroom.

Merfalen said she will work closely with department chairs and instructors to ensure that each class meets the required contact hours and to communicate that expectation to the students.

Saipan Tribune learned that NMC offers 23 courses and 49 classes/sections this fall semester.

'Over 1K so far enrolled'

As of Friday last week, NMC had a total of 1,119 full time enrollees. This figure is expected to change during the "add/drop week" when students add courses or remove them from their class schedules.

According to Student Services dean Leo Pangelinan, the registration for fall 2013 will be extended so students who are interested in registering for NMC courses that begin the week of Aug. 19-23 must submit an admission application form and take the English and math placement tests by Aug. 22.

For students who want to register for the delayed courses that begin the week of Sept. 16-20, they must submit an admission application form and take the English and math placement tests by Sept. 12.

'Faculty intact'

In last week's interview with Charlotte Cepeda, director for School of Education, she disclosed that her department is among those that will not be impacted by the shortfall of instructors this semester as everybody possesses the needed specialization.

The School of Education has five instructors, excluding its department chairperson.

During last week's news briefing, NMC president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., also expressed optimism that they will be able to fill all vacant posts at the college.

"We've been trying to work with all the affected employees and we're working very hard to fill all [faculty] posts," Hart said.

LA FIESTA

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spending $200,000 every year to pay for the La Fiesta land lease yet it has not been earning any dime from it since at least 2004 when the mall closed.

The mall has been sitting idle for almost a decade, but not necessarily beyond repair.

Recently, the governor, Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, Cabinet members, and other government personnel cleared the property, to make the former mall noticeable again to tourists and residents.

Camacho, a lawmaker from Precinct 4 where the former La Fiesta Mall is located, prefiled yesterday House Bill 18-114, hoping to entice private entities to do business at La Fiesta.

This comes a few days after Camacho and fellow Precinct 4 lawmaker Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan), along with the governor, led the unveiling of "welcome" signs in Tanapag and San Roque on Friday.

Camacho said that ideas have been proposed and considered since 2009 to revitalize La Fiesta and turn it into a revenue-generating property as well as help maintain the property's value.

He said it is "reasonable" and "appropriate" to provide incentives—through tax reduction—for businesses that use business space at La Fiesta, "enticing businesses to utilize space so that the former mall can be used as the revenue-generating property it was intended to be."

Camacho told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that he did not have any discussion with the governor prior to prefiling his bill but "we can always work together to revive La Fiesta."

Under his bill, any business entity that uses space at La Fiesta for their business may qualify for a 50-percent reduction in the tax imposed by 4 CMC section 1301.

In order to qualify for the tax cut, the income must be from a business entity located at La Fiesta for at least one tax year prior to the tax credit assessment.

To obtain the tax reduction, the employer must furnish to the Division of Revenue and Taxation a properly documented compliance letter that the Department of Commerce has issued, certifying that the business entity complies with the Act's provision.

Commerce shall impose a fee for the issuance of the compliance letter pursuant to its regulations, the bill says.

The tax cut, however, expires two years after the issuance of the business qualifying space in La Fiesta Mall or upon the business being sold, closed, or suspended, whichever comes first.

The governor, meanwhile, said any proposed development of the former La Fiesta Mall does not necessarily involve any form of gaming such as the video lottery that was initially planned.

"Initially, that's what we wanted to do, to basically use the video lottery as catalyst for bringing back the La Fiesta alive. Apparently there's a lot of complications there… the facility is not conducive [to that activity]," he said.

Inos said that any tourism-related development is welcome, in addition to conforming to zoning law.

"We have the lease. Anyone who is interested to develop it or turn it into a worthwhile commercial operation, we'd be happy to talk to them," the governor added.

He said there have been some entities that have met with the administration on the La Fiesta Mall revitalization, but no one has so far gotten back to them to pursue any of their plans.

The administration opened up the mall to anyone interested in developing it after previous negotiations with United Micronesia Development Association Inc. for the latter to revitalize the former mall "came to a standstill."

A part of the government's condition is for any would-be investor to also shoulder the annual $200,000 land lease.

Besides retail shops, boutiques, and restaurants, La Fiesta was expected to also feature video lottery terminals under a deal previously being worked out with UMDA.

Initial estimates placed the cost of renovating the La Fiesta Mall at $5 million, but this figure has turned out to be too conservative.

The CNMI government has been paying for the mall property lease at least since 2004, a year after the government bought the complex in 2003 initially for the Northern Marianas College's Pacific Gateway Project but this did not take off.

Xtreme Marine Sports stand set on fire

» 2nd concessionaire stand set on fire in same area since 2010

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REPORTER

A fire believed to have been intentionally set off gobbled early yesterday morning the concessionaire stand of Xtreme Marine Sports located at the beach site behind the Carolinian Utt in Garapan.

No one was injured as the concessionaire stand was closed when the fire broke out at 4:30am, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

The blaze burned the tin and wooden stand. About 14 life jackets, a banana boat, two wake boards, a water ski, and documents, all worth over $2,000, were destroyed in the blaze.

The Department of Public Safety has yet to release information about the blaze as of yesterday.

Josie Pineda, operations manager for Xtreme Marine, told *Saipan Tribune* that she learned about the fire at 5:08am when a newspaper deliveryman called her through a radio.

Pineda said that when she arrived at the scene at 5:30am, the fire was already extinguished because of the strong rain.

Pineda believes that the fire began on the roof, which was made up of tin and coconut leaves.

"I'm 100 percent sure it was intentionally burned," she added.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Extreme Marine Sports operations manager Josie Pineda and one of her staff remove the debris after a fire burned their concessionaire stand early yesterday morning behind the Carolinian Utt in Garapan.

Pineda and her four staff closed the stand on Sunday at 4:30pm, but her employees were still in the area at 7pm, fishing.

Pineda has no idea as to who started the blaze but feels sorry for that person. She said the fire will not stop her from having a "business-as-usual" attitude and that she will build a new stand again tomorrow and buy new equipment.

She disclosed that the stand was burglarized three months ago and the suspect stole a gas stove and butane gas. A week later, the stand was burglarized again and the suspect took a ukulele and a boat radio.

In February 2010, a fire of unknown cause burned the concessionaire stand of the Asia Marine Sports, which was located next to Xtreme Marine.

Concerned citizens said that bystanders with criminal records hang out in the Carolinian Utt area at night and would vandalize or steal items once they get drunk.

New hospital's lab director expected on Sept. 2

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REPORTER

A pathologist who will serve as the Commonwealth Health Center's laboratory director is expected early next month.

Dr. Philip Dauterman, who works at the Veterans Hospital in Oklahoma, is tentatively scheduled to fly to Saipan and do a weeklong assessment of the public hospital on Sept. 2 through 6.

This visit is part of the 90-day "initial" contract being routed for Dauterman, who will provide consultative services for CHC.

According to acting Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Cora Ada, the hospital at this time is not fully required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to employ a full-time pathologist/lab director. As long as there is consultation happening with the lab director, this will not adversely affect the continuous operation of the lab unit of CHC, she said.

Dauterman will replace Dr. Caroline Yap, who recently resigned from the post. Ada told *Saipan Tribune* that payment for Yap's services for 14 days will be released anytime this week.

Saipan Tribune was told that a "full-time" contract for Dauterman is under negotiation pending the result of the assessment that will identify other areas in the hospital where Dauterman can also contribute.

"We locked in the 90-day [initial contract] to ensure that we have continuous consultation with a lab director," Ada explained.

Without a lab director/pathologist as required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the corporation may go back to square one in addressing CMMS requirements.

A CMMS team is expected to resurvey the hospital in October this year.

Ada described the corporation's preparation for this visit as "in full swing." She said the corporation has so far not received any negative feedback during its biweekly conference with CMMS on the corrective measures it is doing.

"The biweekly conference is really just to update the CMMS on all the things that we're doing at the hospital and so far, the feedback is good and we're continuing that effort to ensure that we will maintain the condition of participation because we cannot afford to lose it," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Among the deficiencies CMMS has identified with the hospital is its lack of a lab manager and lab director for many years.

The U.S. Commissioned Corp is currently filling in the need for a lab manager.

Drinking session ends up in a bloody fight

A drinking session by five persons at a house in Chalan Kanoa on Friday night ended up in a bloody fight when one hit another in the eye with a rock.

Martino Omelau, 35, was arrested for aggravated assault and battery, assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

The alleged victim, Michael Herickson, sustained a two-inch laceration in the upper left eye and was brought to the Commonwealth Health Center.

At a hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a $1,625 cash bail and $14,525 unsecured bond on Omelau.

Police detective Therese S. Kintoki stated in her report that a woman called the Department of Public Safety on Friday at 6:26pm to report a beating incident at a house along Olopai Avenue in Chalan Kanoa.

When the officers arrived at the scene, they saw the injured Herickson who was with his common-law wife and her parents.

An officer saw that all four were very intoxicated. Police were told that the suspect, Omelau, had run away.

Herickson told police that they started drinking at 4pm and consumed more than four cases of beer.

A verbal altercation between Omelau and Herickson escalated after Omelau picked up a big rock and hit Herickson in the left eye.

Herickson said he passed out for a few minutes and regained consciousness to see Omelau on top of him and punching him in the face.

Herickson's wife and her father pushed Omelau, who then ran away.

A police officer later found Omelau at the Bank of Guam area along Beach Road in Chalan Kanoa and arrested him. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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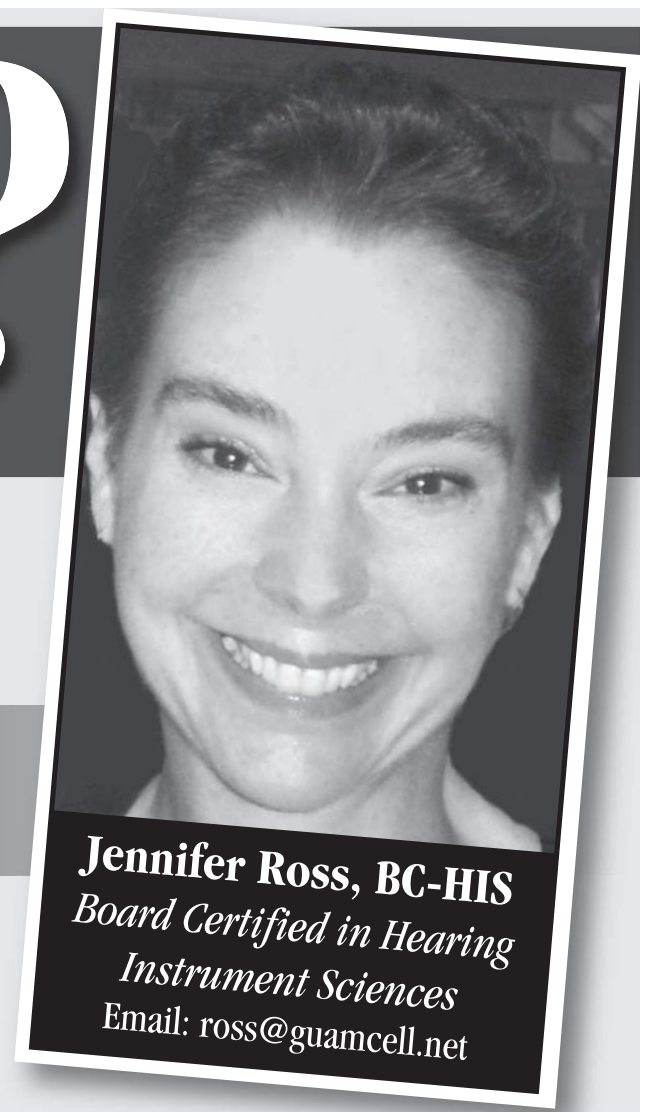

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FSM ambassador says countrymen doing well in CNMI

By MARK RABAGO
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Federated States of Micronesia citizens residing in the CNMI have acquitted themselves well compared to their compatriots in the U.S. mainland, Hawaii, and even Guam, according to Asterio Takesy, the FSM's ambassador to Washington, D.C.

Takesy

"The FSM residents here in the CNMI are probably the most mature in terms of economic stability. Per capita they own more houses than any of the FSM residents in the U.S. mainland, Hawaii, or Guam," he said.

Takesy, who was on Saipan last week to attend the funeral of his mother-in-law, added that FSM citizens in the CNMI have also assimilated well with the island community, compared to other parts of the U.S.

"We need to recall that this started during the Trust Territory days. So they are very integrated into the CNMI society. They have relatives here and there's been inter-marriage. There's a much better communication here, in my view, than for instance in Guam, Hawaii, and of course the U.S. mainland."

Takesy, who lived on Saipan for seven years in the 1970s, had the opportunity to meet some 20 of his countrymen last Tuesday and their primary concern was employment or lack of it in the CNMI.

"We talked about employment. I was made aware of the situation here and my advice to those who cannot find employment is to actually volunteer first to be able to contribute."

Asked if he is content with the FSM's current relationship with the U.S., Takesy said the Compact of Free Association has worked out well for both countries.

"Marshalls, Palau, and the FSM have the same political relationship with the U.S. One of the compelling factors for choosing free association is the realization that we cannot grow the economy as quickly, especially if you factor in the population growth. We were growing at 3 percent and the economy was growing 1.5 percent. So obviously there was 50 percent to worry about. So this was a big factor in the negotiations and continues to be. It has worked out. In my view it's been one of the most successful foreign policies of the United States and the FSM."

Being an independent country, the FSM can freely open diplomatic relations with any country, including an economic power like China.

"We trade freely with the Pacific and with China. We have diplomatic relations with PRC [People's Republic of China] and the rest of the world and yet we're able to work with the U.S. and receive domestic assistance."

As for his job description as FSM ambassador, Takesy said his main responsibility is to see that the implementation of the compact is going as smoothly as possible on both sides, the U.S. and the FSM.

"I'm also trying to promote private investment from the United States in Micronesia. I think it's a win-win situation. We receive a great deal of assistance from the U.S., there should be mutual benefit from this relationship."

NEW JUDICIARY EXEC CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Juan Diego V. Tenorio, newly appointed Budget and Finance director for the CNMI Judiciary, is joined by IT systems manager Michael Villacrusis and accountant Evelyn P. Calvo.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff,	**Civil Action No. 12-0077**
vs.	**NOTICE OF AUCTION and JUDICIAL SALE**
RAYMOND H. SAKISAT, Defendant.	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 31st day of January, 2013, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **9th day of September, 2013 at 10 a.m.,** at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

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DATED this 2nd day of August, 2013.

/s / Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

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BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff,	**Civil Action No. 12-0244**
vs.	
JOSE F. TUDELA and FRANCES C. TUDELA, Defendants.	

NOTICE OF AUCTION and JUDICIAL SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 16th day of January, 2013, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **9th day of September, 2013 at 10 a.m.,** at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

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DATED this 2nd day of August, 2013.

/s / Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

Suspected 'ice' trafficker falls

Police arrested over the weekend a man allegedly engaged in selling methamphetamine or "ice" on Saipan.

Yuanrong Zhao, 41, was arrested on charges of trafficking of a controlled substance and illegal possession of a controlled substance.

Zhao was taken to Superior Court yesterday morning and later in the afternoon for a bail hearing. A $30,000 cash bail was initially imposed for his temporary release.

Drug Enforcement Task Force detective Patrick P. Sablan stated in his report that he and another detective spoke on Jan. 21, 2013, to a "cooperating defendant" who told them about Zhao's involvement in "ice" trafficking.

Sablan said that on that same day, they used the "cooperating defendant" to purchase $200 worth of "ice" from Zhao at Sugar Dock in Chalan Kanoa.

Sablan said that officers arrested Zhao as soon as he handed the 1.1 gross grams of "ice" to the "cooperating defendant" and received the marked money.

Zhao was later released as police did follow-up investigation. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Lamkin: USP4GG petition not delaying immigration bill

The chairwoman of the U.S. Pinoy for Good Governance Marianas Chapter defended her group against allegations that their petition will delay the passage of the comprehensive immigration bill in U.S. Congress.

"If has come to my attention that because of our petition to U.S. Congress, there are comments that this will delay the passage of the immigration bill. It's not true. The U.S. House is in recess for the month of August. They are taking the step-by-step approach to the immigration bill. And this is just the right time that we have submitted our petition. If I did not initiate this petition, definitely, if they passed the immigration bill in the House, the groups of people included in this petition and the proposed amendments will not be known to Congress," said Dr. Celia Lamkin, USP4GG Marianas Chapter chair.

The U.S. Senate already passed its version of the comprehensive immigration bill a couple of months back, which will give a pathway to citizenship to the roughly 11 million undocumented aliens in the U.S. mainland.

USP4GG wants the U.S. House of Representatives to amend the CNMI provision in S. 744 (Section 2109) to include undocumented aliens in the Commonwealth as well.

Lamkin said Sunday that more than 2,000 people have already signed the petition—both online and the paper form that were circulated on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. The petition was addressed to House Speaker John Boehner and other U.S. House representatives.

"I have talked to their immigration staffers, legislative director, and adviser and confirmed the receipt of the petition. I had the opportunity to discuss the petition and details of the situation of the undocumented immigrants who are not included in the 11 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S. Section 2109 of S744 is a special provision for CNMI only for those who are legally working. It does not include the undocumented. The numbers of undocumented in the CNMI are probably a couple of thousands compared to millions in the U.S. I also mentioned the children of these foreign workers who were brought legally to the CNMI as dependents under the CNMI immigration who are now undocumented and some are eligible for DACA [Deferred Action of Childhood Arrivals]," said Lamkin.

She mentioned to the legislative staffers that most of the undocumented immigrants in the CNMI arrived as legal workers, and worked for as long as 25 years or more, but because of the closure of the garment factories, the CNMI economy declined resulting in unemployment and eventual loss of lawful status.

"But these undocumented workers are skilled, some may be professionals, and are talented and hardworking and they can contribute to the economy of the CNMI and U.S. I told them the difference in the undocumented in the CNMI and in the US." ***(Mark Rabago)***

Nicholas is disqualified as counsel for Buckingham

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has granted the Office of the Attorney General's motion to disqualify attorney Brien Sers Nicholas as counsel for former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham, and denied Buckingham's cross-motion to disqualify Office of the Public Auditor legal counsel George L. Hasselback as counsel for the CNMI government in the criminal case against him.

In an order issued Friday, Wiseman determined that there is a significant risk that the representation of Buckingham would be materially limited by Nicholas' representation of his former clients, the officers involved in the case.

Nicholas undertook representation of Buckingham on Aug. 24, 2012, and then represented law enforcement officers Jermaine Nekaifes, Myron Laniyo, and Stanley Patris before the 17TH CNMI House of Representatives Special Committee on Impeachment.

Even if Nicholas had obtained the consent of all parties, Wiseman said this is a type of a conflict that cannot be waived because Model Rule of Professional Conduct 1.7(b)(3) prohibits a lawyer from representing adverse parties in litigation.

On Buckingham's bid to have Hasselback disqualified, Wiseman said that Attorney General Joey P. San Nicolas recently appointed Hasselback to prosecute the case against Buckingham and so the constitutional issues Buckingham raised are moot.

Second, Wiseman said, Public Auditor Mike Pai was not required to recuse himself from this matter, and therefore Hasselback is not required to recuse himself either.

Pai voluntarily recused himself to avoid the appearance of impropriety for OPA.

The Office of the Public Auditor filed the criminal charges against Buckingham in connection with an alleged violation of election laws and illegal award of a sole-source contract, among others.

An FBI special agent served Buckingham with the penal summons at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport shortly before he and his wife left Saipan on a Delta Airlines flight to Narita, Japan on Aug. 4, 2012.

The OAG moved to disqualify Nicholas as counsel for Buckingham because he allegedly undertook the representation of multiple persons with a conflict of interest, which constitutes a presumed breach of the duties of loyalty to these individuals.

Buckingham opposed the motion and cross-moved to disqualify Hasselback because he is allegedly conflicted twice over as a prosecutor and will be called as a witness.

Wiseman held the hearing on the motions on July 16, 2013.

In his ruling on Friday, Wiseman said the government may call the officers, including Nekaifes, as witnesses for the prosecution against Buckingham.

"This would create an actual conflict because the officers would then be subject to cross-examination by Sers Nicholas," Wiseman said.

Wiseman said that although the officers are not co-defendants, Nekaifes is being charged under a different case number with charges arising out of the same case.

Wiseman said Nicholas represented the officers at the Impeachment Committee and thereafter terminated representation of them.

He said Nicholas continued representation of Buckingham in the same or a substantially related matter.

"It is undisputed by Sers Nicholas that the interests of Buckingham and the officers are materially adverse," he said.

Wiseman said that Nicholas may not represent Buckingham because this matter is substantially related to the matter with Nekaifes, Buckingham's interests are materially adverse to Nekaifes's interests, and Nicholas has not acquired the written informed consent of his former client.

On Hasselback's disqualification, Wiseman said that Pai delegated a measure of his powers as the public auditor to Hasselback to act in his stead and effectively stand in his shoes as the public auditor.

Wiseman said the law authorizes such delegation and Buckingham has not offered any legal authority as to why Pai's delegation would be legally invalid.

"The court therefore finds no conflict based on Pai's recusal," the judge said.

Sers Nicholas had argued that Hasselback is conflicted because he solicited the aid of the Attorney General's Investigation Unit after the court disqualified the OAG, thereby imputing the conflict to Hasselback.

But Wiseman noted that there is no evidence that Hasselback was exposed to a conflict when he contacted the AGIU.

"Therefore, the court finds that Hasselback's contact with the AGIU does not require his disqualification from this case," he said.

As to the issue that Hasselback is a necessary witness, Wiseman said the testimony regarding the OPA investigation may be obtained from other investigators at the OPA.

"Accordingly, Hasselback's participation in the investigation does not require his disqualification from this case," he said.

WELCOME HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
Saipan Mayor Donald Flores, left, Gov. Eloy S. Inos, right, and Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan) unveil a "welcome" sign for Tanapag village on Friday as part of Precinct 4's tourism projects.

Dr. Keith Camacho to speak on Saturday

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council is inviting the public to a presentation by visiting professor Dr. Keith L. Camacho that will be held at 6pm on Saturday, Aug. 24, at the Visitors Center Theater, American Memorial Park.

Camacho

Camacho's presentation is titled "On Whose Terms?: Chamorro and Pacific Islander Organizing in Southern California."

It will explore how Chamorros and other Pacific Islanders address issues of educational access, health equity, and political representation in southern California. Camacho will consider this and other questions in an effort to understand the central principles and strategies for community and student organizing in Los Angeles and Long Beach. These two areas boast the largest number of Chamorros, Hawaiians, Samoans, and Tongans, among other Pacific Islanders, in the U.S.

Camacho, who has family in both the CNMI and Guam, is an assistant professor in the Asian American Studies Department at the University of California, Los Angeles.

In 2012 Camacho received a Governor's Humanities Award for Research and Publication for his book *Cultures of Commemoration.*

This event is a part of the Humanities Council's ongoing Community Lecture series that features presentations by local, regional, and international scholars on a variety of humanities topics.

Please contact Council staff at 235-4785 for additional details. ***(PR)***

COTA Town Hall Meetings
Community participation and input plan

Project: Fixed-flex route and para-transit feasibility study
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	Date	Group	Location	Remarks
1	8/22 Thu 1:30 pm	**Project Steering Committee**	Governor's Conference Room	To review work plan and discuss the public engagement process and schedule; participants as determined by COTA.
2	8/22 Thu 3:30 pm	**Call-A-Ride Staff**	Governor's Conference Room	To get an understanding of the challenges experienced and opportunities that can be explored to overcome the challenges from an operator's perspective.
3	8/23 Fri 9:00 am	**Government:** Legislators	Legislature (tentative)	PowerPoint presentation of Peer Review findings, verbal presentation of TFG consensus to date and obtain feedback, opinions and insights.
4	8/23 Fri 6:00 pm	**Business Community and General Public**	GTC Elementary School	Department of Commerce, Marianas Visitors' Authority, major employers
5	8/26 Mon 8:00 am	**Service Providers and Paratransit** Social agencies, hospital, mobility challenged, and caregivers. Also school bus operator(s), taxi companies, and current volunteer services.	Man Amko Center	To explore the opportunity of contracting service by identifying the transportation capabilities and resources of public and private service providers. May include a series of one-on-one meetings.
6	8/26 Mon 6:00 pm	**General Public, Military, family members & retirees**	Dandan Elem	Potential transit customers and non-transit customers
7	8/27 Tue 8:30 am	**Local Government** Public Works, Public Safety, Environmental Quality, Finance, Saipan Mayor, Saipan Municipal Council	Multipurpose Center	To identify synergies with and impacts on other municipal departments and to provide staff with an understanding of how transit could function (business model options)
8	8/27 Tue 2:00 pm	**General Public** faculty, staff, students, local college, other public	NMC - Room D1	Potential transit customers and non-transit customers
9	8/27 Tue 6:00 pm	**General Public** seniors, adult population, social agencies, other public	Multipurpose Center	Potential transit customers and non-transit customers
10	8/28 Wed 9:00 am	**Project Steering Committee:**	Governor's Conference Room	To review TFG input to date and to confirm next steps and work plan schedule.

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Guidance Center staff relearn finer points of customer service

Seventeen staff from the Community Guidance Center took part in the CGC Professional Development Day last Friday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

The first half of the training covered problem solving in the workplace and teamwork and team-building. Island Training Solutions' Jim Arenovski conducted the morning training session.

CGC prevention specialist Jody Abraham said everyone had a great time learning from a businessman with the stature of Arenovski.

"We just needed some reminders. We learned basic skills that needed to be built on. Things that we needed to improve to be effective in the workplace and work together as a team. Jim Arenovski has a wealth of experience when it comes to training and the different topics that he tackled related to business and customer service-oriented that's what we wanted to pick up on, especially now that we're under the [Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.]. He threw out some humor and some real-life scenario. I think majority of responses is we want to continue our trainings with him," she said.

CGC alcohol and drug counselor Edward DLC Camacho echoed these sentiments.

"This training was excellent for everyone. I was excited and I picked up new skills. We already have the skills but this training served as a reminder also of what we don't utilize in our daily conversations or our daily dealing with people. It's something that we know but we just don't include or practice. [Arenovski] was an exceptional presenter and it showed by the experience and the examples he utilized during the presentation," he said.

CGC Tinian coordinator Keith Nabors said the pointers they got will prove handy in enabling the agency to accomplish its missions and goals.

"It was a great training and we learned a lot about teamwork and team-building and the skills involved to make sure that we meet all the goals we set for the team. He had it put together well. He presented it in a way that everyone could understand. There was also a good back and forth interaction between him and the attendees," he said.

Arenovski said the training is something every business on island should consider for its employees.

"You need to take stock and invest in your staff. These types of training, even though it takes time away from work for a couple of hours, is of paramount importance. This is an investment and your staff will appreciate it and they understand the lines of communication better and role of leadership and management and they will respond better to you and your direction when you have these types of organizational meetings or sessions," he said.

Arenovski, whose primary line of business is operating gas stations in the CNMI and Guam, said that Island Training Solutions conducts all sorts of training for professional development.

"This one was on problem solving and team building but we do other ones that deal with conflict management, leadership, and it depends on the group and what the organization wants. This is an investment [on what] a government agency or a business has to do to become better. We cannot expect everybody to develop without giving them different tools for which they can learn from."

The training's afternoon session covered active, physical and mental activities, energizers, and debriefing to foster teamwork, leadership, problem-solving, trust, and conflict-resolution in the workplace. It was administered by Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc.'s Tom Thornbourgh and Greg Borja. ***(Mark Rabago)***

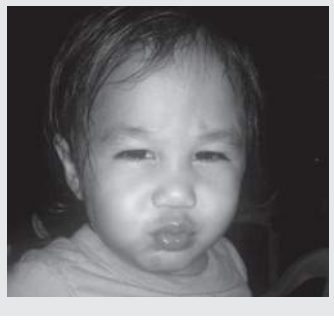
MARK RABAGO

A total of 17 staff from the Community Guidance Center took part in the CGC Professional Development Day last Friday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

MARK RABAGO

Island Training Solutions' Jim Arenovski conducts a workshop on problem solving in the workplace and teamwork and team-building during the CGC Professional Development Day last Friday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



Happy 2nd birthday to our prince, Derence James Victorio! May God continue to shower you with His blessings! Greetings come from Mommy, Daddy, Maria, Angelo, Kenzie, and your Igitol-Benjamin families.

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

August 20, 2005

Guam plane mishap hurts 2

The nose landing gear of a Northwest airplane collapsed as the plane was taxiing at the A.B. Won Pat Guam International Airport yesterday afternoon, injuring two persons and forcing the shutdown of the international airport. Guam Gov. Felix Camacho, in a public announcement aired on Newstalk K-57 Radio, said the Northwest flight from Narita had already landed and was pulling into a gate when one of its landing gears broke.

EPA shuts down CHC's incinerator

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has ordered the Commonwealth Health Center to halt operations of its medical waste incinerator. According to an EPA news release yesterday, the CHC has violated the Federal Clean Air Act standards, necessitating the closure of the incinerator. The public hospital has agreed to comply with the EPA order by ceasing operations of its medical waste incinerator by January 2006. CHC also agreed to put up an alternative medical waste treatment method in place. U.S. EPA air division director for Pacific Southwest region Deborah Jordan said that medical waste incinerators must be operated in a way that protects the public health in the CNMI.

August 20, 2006

CUC loan plan ditched

The Fitial administration has decided to let go of its proposed $40 million loan with the NMI Retirement Fund. The money was supposed to finance the repair of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s power plant engines. "We are not pursuing it," said Gov. Benigno R. Fitial Friday in an interview. He lamented that, instead of helping the government solve its financial problems, the Fund has chosen to sue the government. Speaking after signing a directive that rescinds the furlough notices given to some 500 civil service personnel, and Public Law 15-24, which implements a reduced government work-hour per pay period from 80 to 72, Fitial said that, had the Fund agreed to loan out the money, "I think we would not end up in that [furloughs, work-hour cuts] route."

July arrivals down 14 percent

Tourist arrivals in July this year went down by 14. 2 percent compared with July 2005, reflecting a loss of 6,555 visitors, government statistics showed. According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, a total of 39,552 visitors came to the CNMI last month, compared with the 46,107 recorded in July last year. Japan, the CNMI's top market, showed a decline of 21 percent compared with last year, showing a loss of 6,598 tourists. MVA recorded 24,708 visitors from Japan last month. In July 2005, the figure was 31,306. The MVA said, though, that last month's Japan arrival was an improvement over the previous month's performance, owing to increased summer newspaper advertising campaign.

August 20, 2007

'Senate, House bills also good for locals'

Both U.S. Senate Bill 1634 and House Resolution 3079, which seek to federalize immigration in the CNMI, are also good for locals or residents of the CNMI, according to Department of Interior's deputy assistant secretary for Insular Affairs David B. Cohen. Cohen told this to at least 1,500 overseas Filipino workers during the follow up special consultation meeting with the Filipino community Saturday evening at the lobby of the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe. He said although both bills may differ in some parts and may have already gathered different commentaries from different groups in the CNMI, they would provide opportunities for local residents and contract workers alike.

Filipino nonresident workers quiz Cohen

As early as 6pm last Saturday members of the Filipino community arrived in droves at the Marianas Business Plaza for the consultation meeting with deputy assistant secretary for Insular Affairs David Cohen. There were over 1,500 Filipino contract workers that raced to the meeting venue to listen firsthand what the Insular Affairs official had to say about the attempt to federalize immigration in the CNMI. Vehicles of Filipino nonresident workers quickly filled the parking lot at the Susupe landmark and some even parked as far as the Joeten Supermarket and the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library.

TOWNHALL MEETING
A concerned citizen reads a question for Gov. Eloy Inos during the townhall meeting held Thursday night at the Garapan Elementary School. Inos also plans to hold similar townhall meetings on Tinian and Rota to explain the settlement agreement reached in *Johnson v Inos* relating to the NMI Retirement Fund.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Governor plans to 'phase-in' privatization of Parks & Rec

»Sports&Rec turnover to NMASA faces hiccups

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REPORTER

Gov. Eloy S. Inos said Friday that the privatization of the Division of Parks and Recreation, whose tasks include maintaining tourist sites, would be done in phases and could start in fiscal year 2014 instead of doing it all at once in 2015.

At the same time, the governor said that turning over the operation of the Oleai Sports Complex from the Division of Sports and Recreation to the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association is facing some hiccups, mainly because of NMASA's concerns.

Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Arnold Palacios, in a separate interview, said Parks and Recreation privatization could start with smaller areas, while major tourist sites such as the ones in Marpi may be the last one to be turned over to the care of the private sector.

The Division of Parks and Recreation is under DLNR, while the Division of Sports and Recreation is under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs.

"Fiscal and human resource challenges considered in deciding to postpone the full privatization and maybe do it in stages, but a request for proposals is ready to go if a decision were to be made to do it all at once. We could have pulled it off but it would be with challenges," Palacios told *Saipan Tribune*.

The governor said that Parks and Recreation privatization could occur in phases, some of which could occur within fiscal year 2014 instead of postponing the whole plan until 2015.

"I believe that we have essentially agreed that we will continue the current operation on… certain sections of the island, primarily the tourist related sites that Parks and Rec maintains, then privatize the other sites. We're exploring that. An RFP should be coming out to take care of that," Inos said.

The governor also had a meeting with stakeholders on the planned privatization of the Division of Sports and Recreation, and this, too, is facing some challenges.

"There seems to be some apprehension about it moving forward but we have provided for a mechanism in the budget that if it didn't go through, that we just move the funding from non-personnel to personnel. We had that thing planned. The Sports and Recreation move doesn't take the kind of complication that privatization of Parks and Rec would take," Inos said in an interview at the unveiling of "welcome" signs in San Roque and Tanapag on Friday.

He said the Division of Sports and Recreation has "three or four employees" only compared to the Division of Parks and Recreation with over 20 employees, some of whom are civil service employees.

Moreover, Inos said NMASA "is pretty much a quasi-government entity. We can transfer employees over there and then from that point they can decide how they're going to deal with the government employees. I think they can handle that."

The governor said that NMASA's concerns include not having the funds that they expect to have if they were to run the sports division and amendment to its enabling legislation.

Inos said NMASA also wants "to be able to raise revenues on their own through donation." He said NMASA is seeking to become a tax-exempt organization.

Timing is also a concern, with the Oct. 1 start of fiscal year 2014 just around the corner.

Besides privatization of some government programs and services, the administration has also started merging agencies and programs with overlapping functions to cut costs and increase government efficiency.

Scoping summary report for Tinian, Pagan available

YIGO, Guam—The Scoping Summary Report for the CNMI Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas EIS is available on the project website at www.CNMI-JointMilitaryTrainingEIS.com/Announcements/15.

The Scoping Summary Report provides a summary of the activities that occurred as part of the official public scoping period for the CJMT EIS/OEIS, as well as a summary of the comments received from agencies and the public on the proposed action to improve existing and construct new range and training areas on Tinian and Pagan.

A total of 198 comment submittals were received during the public scoping period. These comments will assist the U.S. military in determining the nature and extent of issues to be addressed in the EIS/OEIS, and in identifying major issues related to the proposed action. The close of the public scoping period completes the first milestone in the National Environmental Policy Act process.

"Public participation is an important part of the NEPA process. The strong showing at our public meetings and the large number of comments we received ensures that as we proceed with our analysis, we understand and can address the issues that are important to the citizens of the CNMI," said Craig Whelden, executive director, Marine Corps Forces Pacific.

The CJMT EIS team is currently working to collect data and evaluate the potential impacts of the proposed action. Studies and surveys to support the CJMT EIS are expected to continue into 2014. The next opportunity for public comment is after the release of the Draft EIS/OEIS, which is anticipated to be available late 2014. Periodic updates regarding the progress of the EIS/OEIS will be posted on the project website at www.CNMIJointMilitaryTrainingEIS.com. ***(PR)***

JOB VACANCY ANNOUCEMENT

Position: Manager, Front Office (1)
Qualification:
- 5 years experience and training
- Knowledge in Korea, China & Japan Tourism Market preferred
- Ability to speak & write Korean, Chinese and Japanese language preferred
- Must be able to work flexible hours depending on reservation
- Must be able to communicate clearly with managers & other personnel.
- Self motivated, trustworthiness and good working ethics.
- Courteous and prompt to respond to guest request and needs.
- Knowledge of business and management principles, including customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for services, and evaluation of customer satisfaction.

Duties and responsibilities:
- Plan and direct activities such as sales promotions, coordinating with other department heads as required.
- Establish and implement departmental policies, goals, objectives, and procedures conferring with organization officials and staff members as necessary.
- Oversee activities directly related to providing services, manage and training staff, preparing work schedules and assigning specific rules.
- Observe and monitor staff performance to ensure efficient operations and adherence to facility 's policies and procedures.
- Greet, register guests and answer inquiries pertaining to hotel and golf course policies, services and resolve guest's and occupant's complaints.

Position: HVAC Technician (1)
Qualifications:
- 7 years of experience and training
- Must be able to work flexible hours as needed
- Knowledge of machines and tools, including their designs, uses, repairs and maintenance. Knowledge of relevant equipment, policies, procedures and strategies to promote effective security operations for the protection of people, data, property and institution.
- Knowledge of applying principles, techniques, procedures and equipment to the design and production of various good and services.

Duties and responsibilities:
- Analyze and solve complex problems, continuous concentrated mental and visual effort to plan and perform complex work, strong physical exertion, responsibility for cost control.
- Sustained high degree of attention required to prevent damage or waste.
- Repair, replace defective equipment, component or wiring necessary to maintain equipment and systems.
- Reassemble and test equipment following repairs.
- Tests pipe or tubing joints or connections for leaks, using pressure gauge or soap-and water solution.
- Comply with applicable standards, policies, and procedures including safety procedures and maintenance of a clean work area.
- Install, connect and adjust thermostats, humidistats and timers using hand tools.
- Inspect and test systems to verify system compliance with plans and specifications or to detect and locate malfunctions.
- Test electrical circuits or components for continuity, using electrical test equipment.

Position: Golf Pro (1)
Qualification:
- 4 years experience and training
- Ability to speak & write Korean, Chinese and Japanese language preferred
- Must be able to work flexible hours depending on reservation
- Must be able to communicate clearly with managers & other personnel.
- Self motivated, trustworthiness and good working ethics.
- Courteous and prompt to respond to guest request and needs.
- Knowledge of principles and methods for teaching and instruction for individuals and groups, meeting quality standards for services and evaluation of customer satisfaction.

Duties and responsibilities:
- Provide training direction, encouragement, motivation to prepare the golfers for games, competitive events.
- Plans, organize and conduct practice sessions.
- Provide information about facilities, explain and enforce safety rules and regulations.
- Monitor activities to ensure adherence to rules and safety procedures, or arrange for the removal of unruly patrons.
- Operate, drive and explain the use of mechanical devices or equipment on the area.
- Instruct individuals or group rules, strategies and performance principles, such as specific ways of moving the body, hands or feet to achieve desired results.
- Adjust techniques, based on the strength and weakness of golfers.
- Keep abreast of changing rules, techniques, technologies and philosophies relevant to the sport.

Position: Kitchen Helper (1)
Qualifications:
- 2 years of working experience and training
- Must be able to work flexible hours depending on reservation and functions
- Must be able to communicate clearly with managers and other personnel.
- Self motivated, trustworthiness and good working ethics.

Duties and responsibilities:
- Wash peel, and cut various foods, such as fruits and vegetables to prepare for cooking or serving.
- Prepare a variety of foods, such as meats, vegetables, desserts, according to customer's order or supervisor's instructions following approved procedures.
- Store food in designated containers and storage areas to prevent spoilage.
- Mix ingredients for green salads, molded fruit salads, vegetables salads and pasta salads.
- Receive and store food supplies, equipment, and utensils in refrigerators, cupboards and other storage areas.
- Wash dishes, glassware, flatware, pots or pans using dishwashers or by hand.
- Place clean dishes, utensils or cooking equipment in storage areas.
- Maintain kitchen work areas, equipment, or utensils in clean and orderly condition.
- Stock supplies, such as food or utensils, in serving stations, cupboards, refrigerators or salad bars.
- Sweep or scrub floors, clean garbage cans with water or steam.
- Sort and remove trash, placing it in designated pickup areas.

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EDITORIAL

This portends a long, bloody struggle in Egypt

The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune *on Friday, Aug. 16:*

When Egypt's military leaders in July removed the nation's first democratically elected president, Mohammed Morsi, the country's allies may have deployed self-delusion to mask reality. The generals said they had to force Morsi out to save democracy. They said their assertion of authority would be brief and elections would come soon. The U.S. and other nations wagged fingers, but largely tempered their reactions. The generals seemed trustworthy.

The brutal storming this week of peaceful protest encampments ends the brief era of world delusion over Egypt and its generals. The violence also may end the brief era of democracy in Egypt. The military has used tear gas, heavy armor and rooftop snipers to disperse peaceful Muslim Brotherhood protesters seeking the release of Morsi, who has been in government custody since he was pushed from power. Hundreds of people have been killed.

Egypt, it seems, faces one of two untenable futures: a return to military dictatorship or a civil war. It's hard to see how elections again could be held. Much of Egypt's population, supporters of Morsi, would treat them as nothing but a sham and an insult.

Egypt's military-backed leadership has declared a state of emergency, the tactic long favored by President Hosni Mubarak as justification to jail thousands of political dissidents.

Still, Egyptians have tasted democracy. They've felt the power of protest, the swelling crowds that in a matter of a few astonishing weeks, forced Mubarak from power. There was talk then of how Egyptians had toppled their own Berlin Wall. The military has crushed that progress, that sense of self-empowerment.

All of this portends a long, bloody struggle in Egypt, the center of the Arab world. That's big trouble for a part of the globe that's seeing trouble at nearly every turn.

In Iraq, a spate of car bombings and shootings has raised fears that the nation could become engulfed again in a sectarian Sunni-Shiite bloodbath.

In Syria, civil war has claimed tens of thousands of lives. President Bashar Assad clings to power, wielding chemical weapons against his own people. The country is in ruins, with jihadists and terrorists streaming in, delighting Iran's Damascus-friendly despots and Russia's meddlers.

In Afghanistan, the Taliban are talking peace but pursuing war, stepping up attacks on Afghan security forces as the U.S. prepares to exit.

In Yemen, the al-Qaida affiliate has eclipsed its leaders in Pakistan as the main threat to American interests.

Pakistan, often called "the most dangerous place on Earth," remains dangerously unstable, a cauldron of religious extremism and jihadist sympathies.

As the U.S. scrambled for a response to Egypt's bloodshed, President Barack Obama announced Thursday that he had canceled a joint military exercise with the Egyptians. The United States could threaten to pull $1.3 billion in annual military aid

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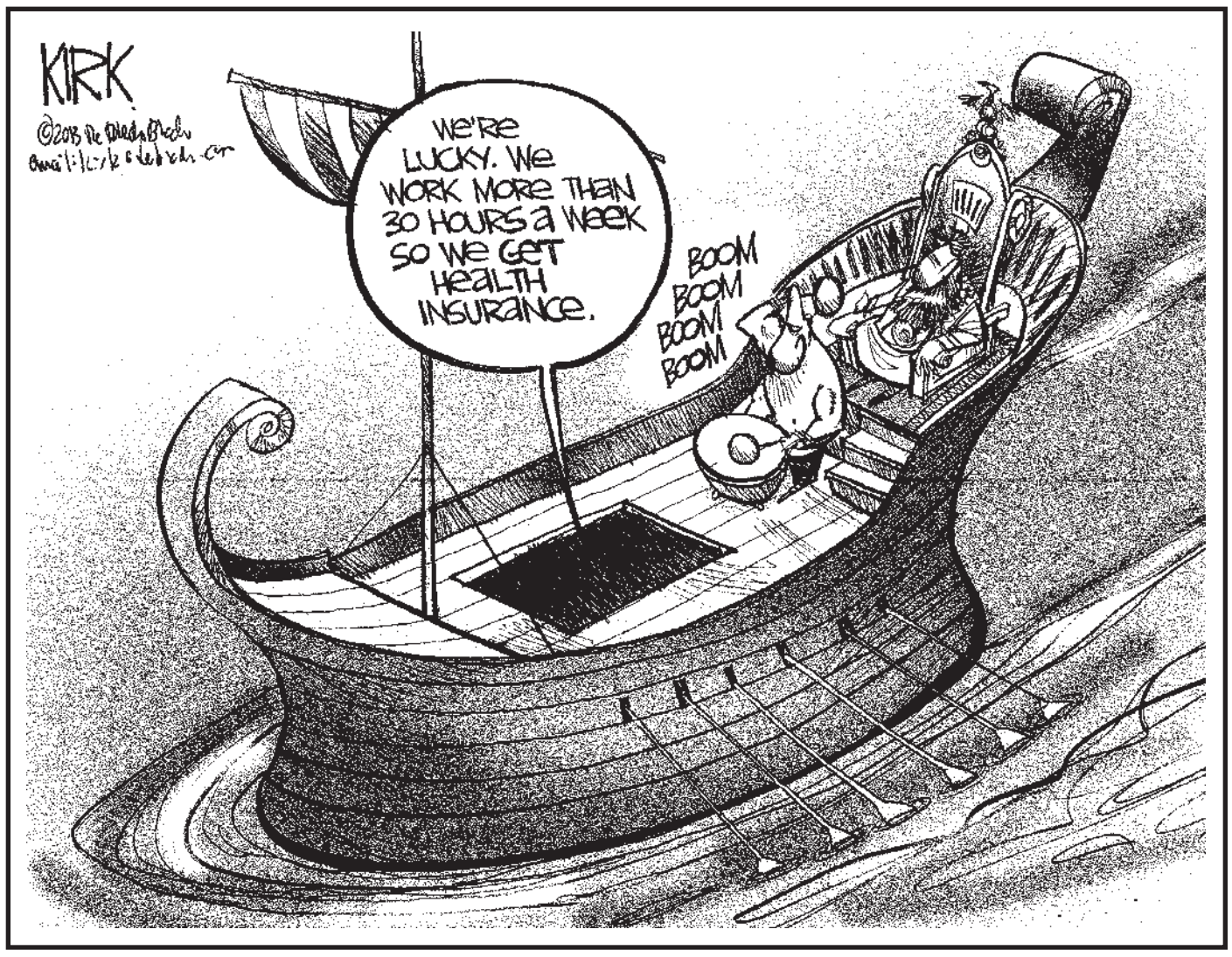

An allure in August

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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OK. We concede, KFC finally made it to our map of stopovers. We had been faithful to the late Harland Sanders who marketed himself as "the Colonel" since we went to school in Kentucky mid-'60s but now that it became part of the ubiquitous triumvirate of KFC-Taco Bell-Pizza Hut (Kentacohut) of Yum brands that assist China's emerging generation balloon into the obese side, we've shied away from its popular packs.

These days on a gruel diet and BRAT (banana, rice, apple, toast), we appreciate anything solid that would stay down. KFC is fast food service where they employ a lot of willing low-wage students, and the likelihood of someone understanding English is high. The French fries is not something the frogs themselves would disown, and the Colonel's own spicy chicken, though not quite of Szechuan caliber, will do. Also, the food stays down.

We had rain in the last couple of days in Shenyang, not unusual by itself this time of the year, but this one poured beyond the capacity of the storm drains to handle and before we knew it, some subway stairs started cascading water like the Niagara does down the St. Lawrence. Downtown traffic was at a standstill as matrons in their fineries hand-carry designer high heels while they wade through the rising waters.

The city's *Liaohe,* primed for showing off its clear and clean waters to visitors and athletes attending Liaoning 2013 of the China Games two weeks away from opening ceremonies, might just stay brown and murky if the rain does not abate.

We welcome the rain. Across the way in parts of Shandong province are places where the fields of previously green vegetables have turned toast. The farmers are not happy, and like them, neither do we understand the vagaries of climate change.

One former student attends Wu Han University by the Chiang Jiang (Yangtze) and a month ago, it was steaming in a prolonged drought. Then the rain poured on a weekend, causing flooding that required the services of emergency crews. After a couple of days, the heat wave engulfed the city again.

The allure of August has been the in-your-face witness that life is full of surprises. China is culturally averse to change. Change is perceived as a curse. The retort, "May you live in interesting times," damns one to a life full of crises and struggle. Stability is heaven. Surprise is the devil's allure.

One of my seminary gurus, a grad of South Carolina's once-a-bastion-of-lily-white-privilege citadel who last I knew hung his headdress in Malaysia, just came out with a book called the *Theology of Surprise: Exploring the Mysteries of Life.* The author is familiar with the language of ontology, but one would suspect that his title is but a ploy on creative marketing. Not so.

"If you are religious because you treasure 'eternal verities,' if you are happy 'on solid rock I stand,' this book is probably not for you. But...if you are humble enough to lay your faith down before the Mystery of Life.... If you are unfulfilled by dogmatic certainties calcified in archaic language, you will benefit greatly by Epps' observations about theological surprise," Maynard Moore of WesleyNexus.org is quoted in the Amazon.com promo.

I know Epps to be a scholar not content with just making sure his sentences are properly footnoted, but runs what he writes through the mesh of his personal experience and disciplined reflections. He talks about what I consider as the ontological security of being perpetually insecure, the certitude of being forever unsure.

August has personally convulsed us in more ways than one. My autistic daughter who I last cuddled when she was 5, turned 21 this month. My eldest daughter turned four-oh last week, two days before her second son turned 4. My grandson is diagnosed to be neurologically different from the norm.

As a teacher, it is this adherence to a mental norm or a statistical standard that gets the learning process in deep *yak dung*. Standardized education leaves 40 percent dry.

Life is never the way we want it. We continually refuse its promise; we hope for something better, or at least something different. The whole commercial culture is predicated on the notion that I want something I do not have, and if I do not know of it, marketing will make sure I do, and will let me have it on credit!

I spent 15 years battling forces mistakenly determined to "mainstream" the differently-able. I can attest to the depth of our discomfort when we wake up to the reality that Maria and Johnny behaves differently from other children. But instead of changing products, we can look at what we have, figure a way to add value to it rather than rush full of anxiety to the expert to "heal" a malady. The children can be whoever they choose to be, and they do choose. That, we celebrate!

We promote not passive resignation here. We say, after being taken aback when the surprises of life occur, that we can actively partake of the surprise and make it our very own. This came to us as an unfriendly bug surprised us into a horizontal pose for most of the month of August. The bug and I now walk hand-in-hand!

As for KFC? Thanks, but no thanks.

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Gi atparehun puntan hogsu' gaige i sirenu ni kumahulu' ginen i señgsoñg siha. Te'ug na asgon kumana' ñaihongue' pot mampos katma. Homhum i mapagahes.

Hohoñgga lokue' ekun bos tautau kulan mohon mane'esalau gi puntan kantit. Na'mañau na buruka sa' te'ug na sentimentun didog na sapet yan pinadese.

Para i man-senchatsaga, sasalaguan este na ha'ane ya maulegña mohon 'an ti mattu. I pa'gu umupus este na estau, sige madibina haf' mamamaila' 'an manana si Yuus. I para umadiñgu i tanu', manhinalulula huyuñg gi batkon aire. Ni unu malagu' umatan tatte.

'Nai kayada, silensiu i bisinu siha kulan fuetsau mañaga gi halom gima' niha. Sige matuka i chatsagan tiempu. Lau ni unu siña umapunta haf' na taiguine mapadedese pa'gu.

Hu komprende haf' masusede. Lau ni unu gai tiempu umekuñgog haf' pinadesen i man-marepresesenta siha gi halom institusion gobietnu—administrasion yan lehislatura.

Sumen lastima i inañgoghu ni madirite gi halom sumen aplacha' na fache' diskuidu. Atan un' ratu ha'anen miyu kau umafagha' yan i mansañgan guine na pahina.

Pagyun Siklu

I pagyun siklu, komprendiyon. I pagyun miserapble na rimulinon sapet gi linahyan, ti komprendiyon. Sige mañganta, "Three Blind Mice" i man-sabiun I Deni'.

Makachet siha otru asuntu ya maletke primera obligasion. Manmanhula' para uma-adelanta linala' i publiku, lau betsan niha finenina masaguaniye. Rikonose i maresisibe na stipend, $4,000 gi mes. Estague' katsun sueddon niha $39,500 gi sakan.

I destrosiun mañglu' ni unu ti tumuñgu' haye na'aña. Si Ekonomia. Achog patgon eskuela, siempre ha sogne pinadesisiña, "It's da kanami nai". Makat na asuntu ni hagas ma-upus kulan basulan plastic gi kantun chalan. Lau atan kabales haf' bidaña kontra i publiku pa'gu.

Destrosiun fondun familia

Ni unu ni pumupulan kinalamten Pagyun Ekonomia rumepara na i mas fotte na mañglu mamamaila'. Man-tinane' malotge pusuelon niha kafe estake ni mona ni tatte. Atrasau i anunsiu malagnos. Tat troñku yan haligen tilifon ti yinite'. Homhum i tanu'. Hiniga' kada isla ni mas fotte na yinamag pagyun ekonomia.

I namatman gi halom este na chinatsaga i mañan man-ma-elihe ni kulan mohon todu mauleg. Mientras maresisibe stipend niha $4,000 pesus gi mes gi hilu' sueddon niha, $39,500 gi sakan yan kotbatan Sears Roebuck, paire. Mas ke $90 mit gi sakan sueddon kada unu.

Diskuidon offisiat gobietnu gi todu atmos banda na megai tautau-ta esta man-hanau. Lamegai lokue' para umadiñgu i tanu' gi ti apmam yan pa'gu. Ala kuenta, hita mismu fuma' sasalaguan tanu' paraisun tautau-ta. Lastima!

Gi hilu' este na lamog malabida yan diskuidu, hu konsidedera haf' otru dinage gaige gi halom kestat niha para umake laime ta'lu i publiku. Man-malefa na esta i publiku edukau yan intelihente manhasu gi asuntoña.

I pagyu mas fotte gi otru sakan. Ayu 'nai in' baba pettan miyu ya ta bira, gi hilu' fuetsan dinaña, direksion destrosiun sumen baba na ekonomia. Gaige este gi patman kanai miyu. Maila' ta fan apipet ya ta aregla tano'ta!

Konsuelu diariu

Kada oga'an guaha ridu gi troñkun lemon 'nai sige mañganta yan man-adulalag i paluman nosa' siha antes de bai' fata'choñg yan iyoghu komputa.

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune *and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.*

Gi tutuhon man-suspichosu sa' pine'lun niha na guaha flechaghu. Adumididi' sige man-hihot estake man-afamauleg ham. Guaha 'nai manohge gi bintana kulan mana hahassuyu' na esta oran amotsan oga'an. Lau taya' kontrata in' fitma.

Diñañae' este ni suabe na guinaifen mañglu. Fresku mientras huna' fonhahayan nobenahu. Ayu dispues 'nai manaitaiyu siha gaseta 'sino hu rikonose estudiau na asuntu pot para bai' komprende haf' masusesede.

Hu analisa, kula yan ñgañgas estake mamtu' i tinaitaihu estudiau na materiat. Pot ihemplu, hulie' haf' na todu siuda yan gobietnon estadu man-brok (broke) ni finañagun programan man-ritirau. Gaige i problema gi manehante ni sumede inetnon hutnaleru (labor union) mas apas yan benefisiu ke haf" siña inapase ni programa. Unu gi halom otru siha asuntu ni hagas hu tatiye.

Estague' na ora i silensiu antes de matutuhon man-hanau i tautau para i che'chu' niha. Libianu umekuñgog hau kontodu pañgpañg mañglu'. Siña lokue' un' huñgog hau haf' finu' prohimu gi silensiu na patte gi hinassoña.

Gigon matutuhon ta'lu i man-gachoñghu man-buruka gi troñkun lemon, hu diñgu i baranda. Ennau i lemlem tautau 'nai man-asoda' ham antes de u fan deskansa gi ramas troñku. Paire na kanta siha machechefla antes de u faliñgu i atdau gi sanlagu.

Tai achaigua i sunidon paluma, suabe na guinaifen mañglu' yan ekun napu gi chagu' na rubentasion gi taftaf oga'an. Estague' un' sunidun isla megai ti humuhuñgog sa' man-pinalala hit inaligau mantension familia. Muñga man-hinalañg. Mafattu siklun chinatsaga gi kada sien años. Ta fagchane' na biahe este na siklu 'nai megai nina' fan senchatsaga. Uma fitme i kilu'osmu ya cha'mu a'atan tatte. Si Iku.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Change in government

Each year, I review the CNMI budget and I am dumbfounded at how our government prioritizes funds for our social needs. I had been told that there is no money to keep sick children at the hospital for a long period of time and at times there are no medications to accommodate some extreme medical conditions. The way the CNMI government functions does not make any sense, for there is money for 50 more FTE's and there is no money for the medically needy individuals in the CNMI. The maximum amount that our government spends for each off-island medical referral is $50,000 and any amount above this cap is billed to our underprivileged families. How much money is owed doctors, hospitals, and pharmacies by our poor residents? How long can anyone continue to give medical services to our underprivileged citizens without being compensated? Who should be accountable for such debt incurred by our unfortunate citizens?

Thanks to the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, anyone in the CNMI may migrate to the United States with no questions asked and it comes with a huge price tag for the United States. One particular case, an individual from the CNMI incurred medical expenses in the thousands of dollars in the State of California (over $10,000) for the last week. According to our research, it will cost the federal government and the state of California $500,000 to $5 million annually for that individual's medical bills and that is just one person from the CNMI.

The question is, who created the problem for our people and our suffering? It is called the status quo or the corrupted behavior system or the nepotism. It is we who are accountable for our government's misstep, for we look the other way or encourage such behavior. What we need in our government are changes and we need individuals that will not be intimidated by the so-called numbers game at our Legislature. At the end of the day, the underprivileged CNMI residents will pay the ultimate price for our government's mismanagement. We need to make our government accountable for failing to take care of our welfare. We need leaders who will serve our people with no strings attached and who has the passion to help others with no compensation. It is best to have a diverse ethnicity in our Legislature, for it will create checks and balances and our social programs will once again be our priority. The next time we cast our votes, we better think twice and elect individuals who are worthwhile for our islands.

Segundo Castro
Marpo Valley, Tinian

EGYPT

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to Egypt, but is reluctant to completely rupture relations with an important ally next to Israel. At any rate, announcing an end to the aid right now would be largely symbolic—Egypt has cashed this year's check. The U.S. isn't scheduled to send more assistance until 2014.

Morsi alienated millions of people by monopolizing power and moving Egypt toward Islamist government. He wouldn't compromise. He couldn't govern. But the best option for Egypt was to keep holding elections and remove him.

Instead, the military lost patience, lost confidence in its citizenry, and may lose Egypt.

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What in the world is ADAAG?

By THOMAS M. THORNBURGH
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

This is a question I have been asked so many times. It is a complicated thing. I have worked at NMPASI for over a decade and I still have questions about it. This is my attempt to give you a little bit more of an insight into the ADAAG.

First off, the American's with Disabilities Act, or ADA, was a federal law that was signed into being by then President George Bush Senior in 1990 on the White House lawn on July 26.

The ADA is the biggest piece of legislation protecting the rights of people with disabilities in many areas including employment, services from the federal or local government, and privately owned businesses providing public accommodations such as our mom-and-pop stores, major retailers, and the many hotels on island. The law fights discrimination based on disabilities. This means if a person with a disability were to apply for a job, he or she cannot be turned away because they have a disability. In America, it is not appropriate to deny someone based on ethnicity, age, gender, and, since 1990, disabilities. When you deny someone based on any of these conditions, by law, it is considered discrimination.

A disability is defined by the ADA as "a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity." To break it down some more, it means anyone with a disability of the mind or body that affects a major life activity such as breathing, eating, sleeping, seeing, hearing, etc.

Now that we have discussed what the ADA is, we now have to add Accessibility Guidelines to the ADA, making it the American's with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines, or ADAAG. These guidelines or ADAAG are basically the measurements and allowances for physical structures to allow people using wheelchairs, those that are blind or those who are hard of hearing to access a location and its services.

Let's take someone using a wheelchair for instance. If you open a store, you need to make sure a person using a wheelchair can come through the front door without barriers such as steps. Minimum ADAAG allowance for door width is 32 inches, and ½ inch for thresholds. Your goal is to have the person be able to come in, move about your business, buy or get your service, and exit without any architectural barriers.

Now, if your customer has a hearing impairment, you also have to make sure that he or she gets effective communication. This means that the person and you are able to understand each other. Things like fire alarms should also have a flashing light to ensure that people who are hard of hearing are able to realize that the alarm is going off. Again the idea is to include people with disabilities in all aspects of your business. After all, people with disabilities also have money to spend at your business.

Okay, now for the big one. I have been asked many times about "handicapped parking"; however, the word "handicapped" is no longer appropriate as the word is derogatory. The appropriate term is "accessible parking." For every parking area with one to 25 parking stalls, ADAAG requires one accessible parking stall, two for places with 25 to 50 stalls and so on. To get an accessible placard so you can park in these stalls, you need to pick up a form from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and have your doctor fill it out to prove your need for the space. Then take it back to BMV for approval and then you get your placard.

Enforcement for these accessible parking spaces is done by the Department of Public Safety. The ADAAG states that an accessible parking stall needs to have a painted logo of a person using a wheelchair on it with a stand up sign with the same logo high enough for it to be seen from inside the vehicle.

These are just examples, but if you want more on the ADAAG, please visit http://access-board.gov/ADAAG/online. This site has the entire ADAAG list for your review and you can browse depending on what section you want to look up. Aside from this site, do not hesitate to contact NMPASI, as we are a community resource. You may contact us at 235-7273 or 4, TTY at 235-7278, or via fax at 235-7275. If you like, you may email me directly at tomthornburgh@gmail.com for more.

Thank you for your time, and now that you are aware, please share with others in our community. Oh, and please remember: "Don't park in the blue if it is not for you."

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼76°	▲88° ▼76°	▲88° ▼76°	▲88° ▼76°	▲88° ▼76°

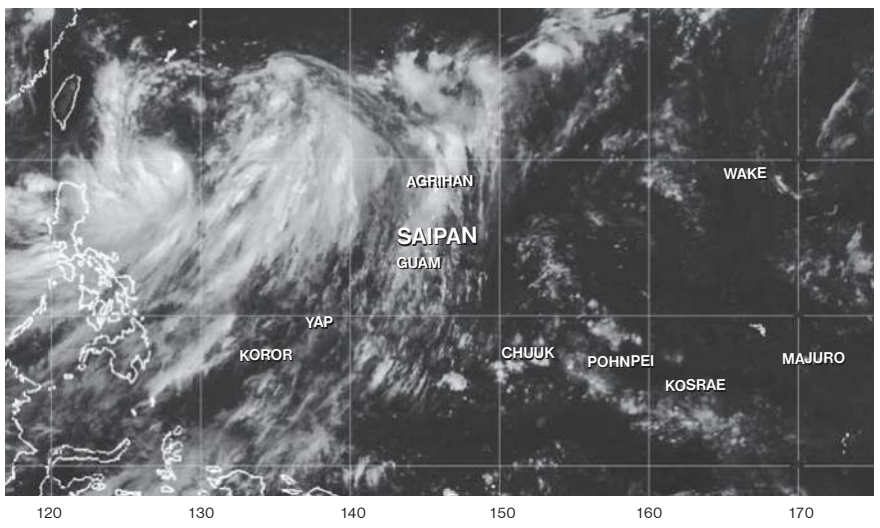
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼79
Palau	Showers	▲84	▼75
Yap	Showers	▲88	▼76
Chuuk	Showers	▲86	▼76
Pohnpei	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼75
Kosrae	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼75
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲61	▼54
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲79	▼65
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲89	▼83
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼56
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼62
Manila	Thundershowers	▲85	▼79
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲58	▼44
Miami	Thundershowers	▲90	▼80
New York	Sunny	▲87	▼68
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲96	▼80
Paris	Sunny	▲76	▼54
Pusan	Windy	▲87	▼78
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼68
Salem	Sunny	▲85	▼57
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼58
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲91	▼75
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲90	▼80
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲88	▼73

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Trami (12W) northeast of Luzon is nearly stationary at 20N128E with maximum sustained winds of 50 mph. A monsoon trough extends northeastward from Trami to beyond 25N150E. Many areas of scattered showers with a few thunderstorms are northwest of Koror and Yap to near Guam and to just northwest of Minami Tori Shima or to the north of a line from 6N130E to 12N137E to 13N145E to 25N154E. For more information on Tropical Storm Trami, see advisories issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW. Tropical Storm Pewa (01C) northeast of Majuro at 14N178E is moving toward northwest at 7mph with maximum sustained winds of 70mph. Numerous showers and a few thunderstorms are within 100 miles of Pewa while scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southeast of Wake Island are within 75 miles of a line from 13N175E to 16N168E. For more information on Tropical Storm Pewa, see advisories issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and the National Weather Service under header WTPQ31 PGUM. Low-level convergence is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Koror and Yap to the south of a line from 2N130E to 8N139E. A near-equatorial trough runs across southern Micronesia from about 3N143E to 6N151E to 3N177E. Scattered showers just south of Pohnpei and Kosrae are within 80 miles of a line from 6N156E to 2N167E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

1:37 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet
6:56 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
2:06 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
8:44 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:03 AM	6:38 PM
Wednesday	6:03 AM	6:37 PM
Thursday	6:03 AM	6:36 PM
Friday	6:04 AM	6:36 PM
Saturday	6:04 AM	6:35 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:47 AM	4:49 AM
Wednesday	6:36 AM	5:50 AM
Thursday	7:22 AM	6:49 AM
Friday	8:07 AM	7:46 AM
Saturday	8:51 AM	8:42 AM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 10, 2013

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
OZ1077	4:50am	7:10am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)			
DL583	5:50am	8:30am	2, 5, 6
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)			
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ612	3:40am	7:20am	Daily
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)			
SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	10:10am	10:45am	6
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5062	3:45am	4:20am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	11:15am	11:50am	6
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	Daily
OZ1087	10:00pm	2:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN			
DL582	8:30pm	1:00am+1	1, 4, 5
OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN			
OZ120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily
BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ611	9:10pm	2:40am+1	Daily
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN			
SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
PR110/UA5072	7:55am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL172/288	8:00am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:05am+1	3, 6 GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air.

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

Business

More car shoppers turn to mobile apps for the big purchase

By HEATHER SOMERVILLE
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

SAN JOSE, Calif.—If you're shopping for a car, your first stop may be your smartphone.

As consumers grow increasingly comfortable buying smaller items such as clothes and concert tickets from their mobile devices, some are also using their smartphones and tablets for big-ticket purchases like cars.

"There's this huge upheaval in terms of mobile usage and mobile behavior," said Jeff Birkeland, vice president of product management for High Gear Media, which publishes The Car Connection site and app. "People are looking to not only research cars, but actually take action and connect to a dealer and do some business on mobile."

Online companies are putting the entire car shopping experience on a mobile device, replacing the lengthy weekend trudge between dealerships with an afternoon on the couch with an iPad. The shift to mobile, tech companies and car salespeople agree, has armed consumers with more information and resources to prepare for what is for most of us a sizable and emotional purchase. Shoppers can research their new and used car purchases before going to the dealer, and with some mobile apps, even buy a used car.

Rodney Bonachita of Daly City, Calif., did much of his car shopping on his smartphone while he prepared last year to buy a 2009 Mazda. By the time he showed up at the dealership, he said, he was ready to write a check. "Dealing with the dealership is just a painful, painful experience," he said. "Going there armed with information—I wouldn't do it any other way."

With growing interest in car research apps, mobile devices are expected to become a go-to resource for 87 percent of car consumers, according to a 2012 study from Briabe, a mobile advertising company that surveyed more than 1,600 people planning to purchase a car within 12 months.

The mobile app from Menlo Park-based The Car Connection offers vehicle ratings, reviews, buying guides, connections to local dealerships, financing and insurance advice and recall warnings. The company, which also has a desktop website, gets about 35 percent of its traffic from mobile, Birkeland said. That number spikes on the weekend and during televised sports events—especially the Super Bowl—when car advertisements air.

SALE!
SALE!
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Remote car shopping
The mobile advertising company Briabe, in a 2012 study of 1,641 people planning to buy a car in the next 12 months, found that the vast majority will rely on a mobile device for help.
Percentage of car shoppers who have used or plan to use their mobile device to shop for a car:
87%
Car shoppers use mobile devices for:
Price comparison 86%
Research 85
Finding a dealership 66
Searching for sales 59
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"It took us a little bit by surprise, because it is a big purchase," Birkeland said.

Edmunds.com, the online car-buying guide headquartered in Santa Monica, saw its mobile website views increase six-fold from March 2011 to March 2013, and its separate mobile app saw 14 times as many views over roughly the same time period.

"We're definitely seeing the shift to mobile," said Stephen Gandee, vice president of mobile and personalization at Edmunds.com. Visitors spend an average of four minutes on the website, but about eight minutes each time they open the smartphone app and 12 minutes on the iPad app, he said.

Cars.com, a partner with the Bay Area News Group, also offers a mobile app that let users search new and used car listings, schedule a test drive, check out reviews and compare models. This newspaper's website also offers research on cars and reviews.

Car buyers using mobile apps can look for their next purchase between running errands or while making dinner, and on the weekend, they can use a tablet and not be chained to a desk. And shoppers are bringing these apps to the dealership, keeping their smartphones and tablets handy to show salespeople competing offers or lower suggested prices.

"They'll be sitting there on their iPhones and iPads and checking, 'What's my car worth?' " said Richard Flores, sales manager at Courtesy Chevrolet in San Jose. "They have way more information than they ever had before."

Bonachita, who's now shopping for a Subaru, said he doesn't go to a dealership without his smartphone: "I'm validating information on the fly."

APPS FOR THE MOBILE CAR SHOPPER

APP: Kelley Blue Book (KBB)
WHAT IT DOES: Searches for used car value and new car prices, expert and consumer reviews, compares cars side by side, videos and photos, requests a quote from a local dealer
COMPATIBLE: Android, Windows, iPhone, iPod touch, iPad (iOS 4.3)

APP: Cars.com
WHAT IT DOES: Searches for new and used cars for sale near you, compares models, consumer and expert reviews, dealer reviews, schedules a test drive, calculates loan payments
COMPATIBLE: Android, iPhone, iPod touch, iPad (iOS 5.0)

APP: Edmunds
WHAT IT DOES: Calculates true market value, specs, searches local dealers, views cars in different colors, expert and consumer reviews, dealership reviews, high-resolution photos, fuel economy and warranty details
COMPATIBLE: Android, iPhone, iPod touch, iPad (iOS 6.0)

APP: The Car Connection
WHAT IT DOES: Reviews from auto journalists and around the Web, numeric and color-coded rating systems, 2 million local classified listings, contacts for local dealers
COMPATIBLE: Android, iPhone, iPod touch, iPad (iOS 5.0)

APP: Every Car Listed
WHAT IT DOES: Affordability calculator, searches for used car value, searches for new and used cars for sale, directions to local dealerships, links to Facebook
COMPATIBLE: Android, iPhone, iPod touch, iPad (iOS 4.0)

APP: CarMax
WHAT IT DOES: Alerts for car price drops, compares up to 10 cars, provides vehicle history, expert and consumer reviews
COMPATIBLE: Android, iPhone, iPod touch, iPad (iOS 5.0)

APP: eBay Motors
WHAT IT DOES: Scans vehicle identification number to get details on make and model, finds parts and accessories, contacts sellers, bid and purchase vehicles on eBay marketplace
COMPATIBLE: iPhone, iPod touch, iPad (iOS 5.0), and on Adroid only through eBay marketplace app

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Report: JPMorgan investigated for China hiring

NEW YORK (AP)—U.S. regulators are looking into whether JPMorgan Chase hired the children of Chinese officials to help it boost its business in China, The New York Times reported. The Times said Sunday details of the civil investigation were in a confidential U.S. government document that it saw. According to the document, the anti-bribery unit of the Securities and Exchange Commission asked JPMorgan for records about some of the bank's hires in China. According to the Times, the document shows that the bank hired the son of a former Chinese banking regulator who is now chairman of the China Everbright Group, a state-controlled financial conglomerate. The paper reported that after the chairman's son joined the bank, JPMorgan won several assignments from Everbright.

Creditors face deadline in Detroit bankruptcy case

DETROIT (AP)—Banks, bond insurers, employee pension systems and others standing to lose big if a federal judge declares Detroit insolvent are expected to legally file their objections to the largest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history. Monday is the deadline for creditors to file eligibility objections to Detroit's bankruptcy petition—marking the beginning of legal challenges for those hoping to recoup all or most of what Detroit owes them. The deadline is just one of several steps that could lead to federal Judge Steven Rhodes allowing Detroit into bankruptcy protection while it restructures. Conversely, it also could spell disaster for the struggling city if its petition is denied, allowing creditors to sue Detroit if it defaults on payments, said bankruptcy expert Doug Bernstein.

US builders broke ground on more homes in July

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. developers broke ground on homes at a faster pace in July. But the rise was all due to apartment construction, which is typically volatile. By contrast, builders began work on fewer single-family homes—the bulk of the market—and sought fewer permits to build them. Friday's report from the Commerce Department suggests that home building is maintaining its recovery but might be starting to be restrained by higher mortgage rates. Builders began work on houses and apartments at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 896,000 in July, the department said. That was up 6 percent from June, though below a recent peak of more than 1 million in March. Construction began on 26 percent more apartments but declined 2.2 percent for single-family houses. The dip in single-family starts comes after other measures of the housing market have flattened or declined. It may signal that higher loan rates have begun to weigh on housing, which has otherwise steadily recovered since earlier last year.

Nation

Congress split on cutting off aid to Egypt

WASHINGTON (AP)—Members of Congress are split over whether the U.S. should cut off military aid to Egypt, highlighting the difficult choices facing the Obama administration amid spiraling violence on the streets of an important Middle East ally.

Democratic leaders have generally supported the president's approach. But on Sunday, Rep. Keith Ellison, D-Minn., said he would end aid to Egypt. Ellison is the first Muslim elected to Congress and is co-chairman of the Congressional Progressive Caucus.

"I would cut off aid but engage in intense diplomacy in Egypt and in the region to try to say, look, we will restore aid when you stop the bloodshed in the street and set up a path towards democracy that you were on before," Ellison said. "In my mind, there's no way to say that this was not a coup. It is. We should say so. And then follow our own law, which says we cannot fund the coup leaders."

Among Republicans, there were growing calls to eliminate military aid to Egypt. But others were more hesitant.

Rep. Pete King, R-N.Y., said curtailing aid could reduce U.S. influence over Egypt's interim government, which controls access to strategic resources, including the Suez Canal.

"We certainly shouldn't cut off all aid," said King, who chairs the House panel on counterterrorism and intelligence.

King said there are no good choices in Egypt. Ousted President Mohammed Morsi, a member of the Muslim Brotherhood, was democratically elected. But, King said, the group has not demonstrated a commitment to democracy.

"The fact is, there's no good guys there," King said. "But of the two, I think there is more opportunity to protect American interests if we work with the military and continue our relationship with the military."

The split among members of the same political party illustrates the uncertainty facing President Barack Obama as he tries to navigate volatile developments in Egypt, where crackdowns last week left more than 600 people dead and thousands more injured.

Obama has denounced the violence, canceled joint military exercises scheduled for September and delayed the delivery of four F-16 fighter jets. But the White House has refused to declare Morsi's removal a coup—a step that would require Obama to suspend $1.3 billion in annual military aid. The president insists that the U.S. stands with Egyptians seeking a democratic government. But he says America cannot determine Egypt's future.

Sen. John McCain of Arizona renewed his call Sunday to stop aid as the Egyptian military continues to crack down on protesters seeking Morsi's return.

"For us to sit by and watch this happen is a violation of everything that we stood for," said the senior Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee. "We're not sticking with our values."

The military ousted Morsi July 3 after millions of Egyptians took to the streets to demand he step down, accusing him of giving the Brotherhood undue influence and failing to implement vital reforms or bolster the ailing economy.

But Rep. Eliot Engel, D-N.Y., said he supports the president's approach.

"These are very, very difficult choices," said Engel, the top Democrat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee. "I'm very unhappy, obviously, with the crackdown. But we essentially have two choices in Egypt. And that's a military government, which hopefully will transition as quickly as possible to civilian government, or the Muslim Brotherhood. I don't think the Muslim Brotherhood is a choice."

Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., said Congress should give the president flexibility in dealing with Egypt.

"I do believe we have to change our aid," said Reed, a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. "I think also we have to have included in the legislation a national security waiver, because we have to give the president not only the responsibility to deal with the government of Egypt but also flexibility."

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., said U.S. aid to Egypt was more likely to "buy a chateau in Paris" for an Egyptian military leader than "bread in Cairo" for the poor.

"I don't think we're buying any friendship with the Egyptian people," Paul said, especially when people see tanks supplied by the U.S. to the Egyptian military on the streets of Cairo.

"We are not winning the hearts and minds of the Egyptian people," said Paul, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "The aid has to end."

Adult obesity rate holding steady but still bad, report finds

By VERA BERGENGRUEN
MCCLATCHY WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON—Adult obesity rates remained unchanged throughout the country last year, except in one state—Arkansas—ending three decades of rising weight gain.

That's the good news out of the latest annual report on America's obesity epidemic from the Trust for America's Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

"This is certainly one of the most hopeful reports we've had," said Jeffrey Levi, the executive director of the trust, a nonprofit, nonpartisan health research group.

But "F as in Fat: How Obesity Threatens America's Future 2013," points out that the average adult continues to hit the scale more than 24 pounds heavier now than in 1960.

ON THE NET
View the report: http://healthyamericans.org/report/108/

Indeed, what the report calls a "frightening prospect and an unacceptable outcome" is that young people today may be the first generation to live sicker and die earlier than its parents did.

Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas topped the list of the 10 heaviest states, while Massachusetts, the District of Columbia and Colorado boasted the lowest obesity rates, based on data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Obesity is defined as having a body mass index of 30 or more, while a BMI of 25 to 29.9 is classified as overweight, according to the CDC.

More than two-thirds of American adults are overweight or obese, with dramatically increased risks of heart disease, Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and a host of other health problems, the report said.

The study follows another this week, published in the American Journal of Public Health, that showed 18.2 percent of the premature deaths in the U.S. are associated with excessive body mass.

Dr. Georges Benjamin, the executive director of the American Public Health Association, said that while the new obesity study provided hope, "we know how fragile a disease like this can be. We should look at this flattening and see that we have to do more. There is a strong tendency to think that we have solved these problems and then remove resources much too early."

The study found that the adult obesity rate was above 30 percent in 13 states, at least 25 percent in 41 states and above 20 percent everywhere.

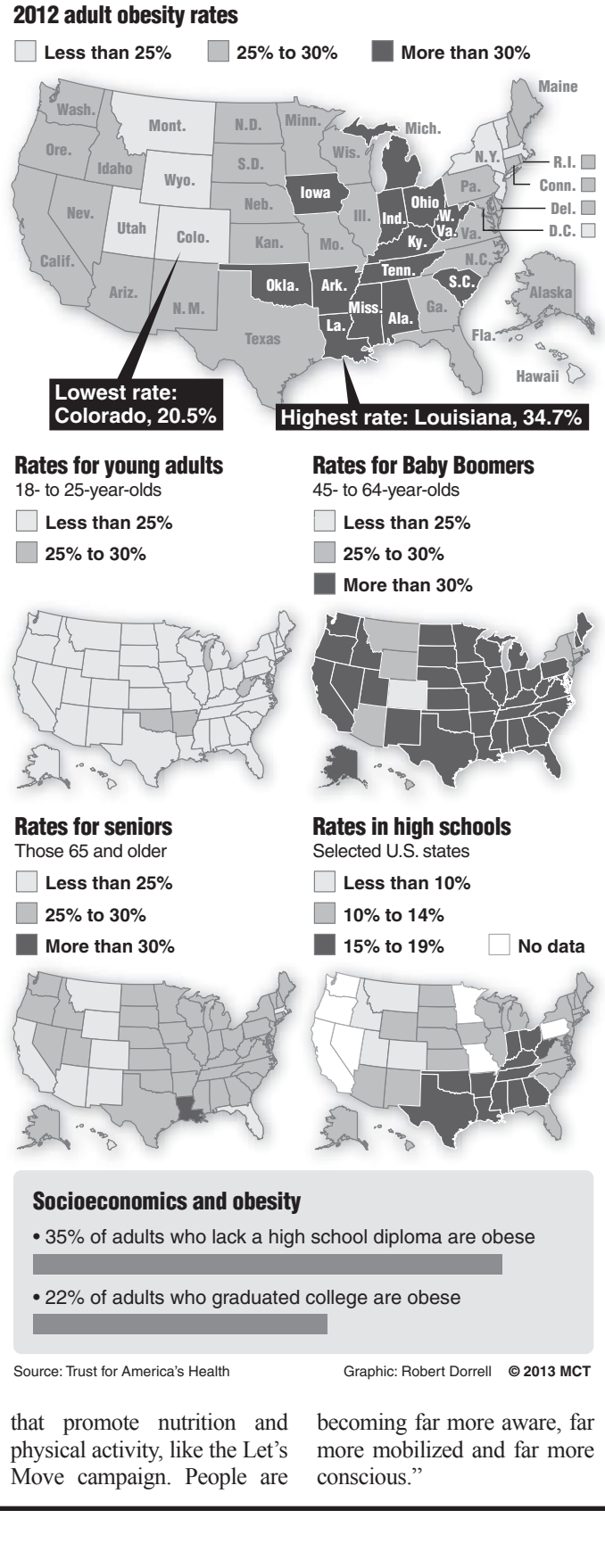
In 1980, the rate wasn't above 15 percent anywhere; in 1991, not above 20 percent; in 2000, not above 25 percent; and in 2007, only one state—Mississippi—topped 30 percent.

Levi said the "dark cloud on the horizon" was the growing problem of the baby boomer generation, which more and more was developing ailments related to obesity.

Whatever progress is occurring remains uneven. The report said obesity rates continued to be the highest in lower-income communities, communities of color and in the South, where high rates of hypertension and Type 2 diabetes are prevalent.

Nonetheless, public awareness campaigns that focus attention on obesity might be having an impact. The "F as in Fat" rankings follow an encouraging CDC report last week that showed improved obesity rates among low-income preschoolers in 19 states and increases in just three.

"There isn't a magic bullet," Levi said. "What I think we're seeing is a culture change driven by investment in programs that promote nutrition and physical activity, like the Let's Move campaign. People are becoming far more aware, far more mobilized and far more conscious."


Still too fat as a country
A new report shows that obesity rates for American adults held steady in 2012, but remain extremely high. More than two-thirds of U.S. adults are overweight or obese. Since 1980, adult robesity ates have more than doubled, to 35.7 percent in 2009-2010.
2012 adult obesity rates
Less than 25%
25% to 30%
More than 30%
Lowest rate: Colorado, 20.5%
Highest rate: Louisiana, 34.7%
Rates for young adults
18- to 25-year-olds
Rates for Baby Boomers
45- to 64-year-olds
Rates for seniors
Those 65 and older
Rates in high schools
Selected U.S. states
Less than 10%
10% to 14%
15% to 19%
No data
Socioeconomics and obesity
• 35% of adults who lack a high school diploma are obese
• 22% of adults who graduated college are obese
Source: Trust for America's Health
Graphic: Robert Dorrell © 2013 MCT

Late NC businessman's Ferrari auctioned for $27M

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A rare 1967 Ferrari owned by a North Carolina orphan-turned-millionaire sold at auction for $27.5 million.

The red Ferrari was one of only 10 ever built, and its single-family ownership increased interest in the sale, the *Los Angeles Times* reported.

The owner, the late Eddie Smith, was a former mayor of Lexington, N.C. He died in 2007 at age 88. Since then, the car has been stored in a specially built garage.

"This is a bittersweet moment for us," Eddie Smith Jr. told a packed crowd before bidding began Saturday. "Ferraris came and went, but this one never went, thank God. We enjoyed it as a family for 45 years."

The sale of the Ferrari 275 GTB/4*S N.A.R.T. Spider was handled by RM Auctions in Monterey. N.A.R.T. stands for North American Racing Team, a Ferrari-backed venture created in the late 1950s to promote the brand in the U.S.

Smith Jr. advised the new owner to "drive it, love it, enjoy it, and more importantly share it with others so they can see it." The auction house has not disclosed the new owner.

In keeping with his father's philanthropy, the family was giving all proceeds to various charities, Smith Jr. said.

Smith Sr., who became wealthy from a mail-order company he started, was a beloved figure in Lexington. Mayor from 1970 to 1975, he also led hospital, college and chamber of commerce boards.

The avid car enthusiast owned several Ferraris, but the 275 N.A.R.T. Spider was his favorite because he loved the look, sound and feel of it, Smith Jr. told The Dispatch of Lexington.

"Dad wouldn't want the car to be shut away, he would want it to be enjoyed," he said. "Even when the value reached went over a million dollars, he would still drive it."

The 275 N.A.R.T. Spider was featured in the 1968 film "The Thomas Crown Affair," the Los Angeles Times reported.

Asia

Death toll hits 50 in Philippines ferry accident

CEBU, Philippines (AP)—As the *MV Thomas Aquinas* cruised toward Cebu city in the central Philippines, navy marshal Richard Pestillos prepared for a brief stop while some passengers watched a band play and others soaked in the night breeze on the deck.

Then the scene turned chaotic when the ferry, with 870 passengers and crew, collided with a cargo ship late Friday, ripping a hole in the ferry's hull, knocking out its power and causing it to list before rapidly sinking as people screamed, according to Pestillos and other witnesses.

"The sea was very calm and we could already see the lights at the pier," Pestillos told The Associated Press on Sunday by telephone.

"Then very suddenly ... there was a loud bang, then the grating sound of metal being peeled off," he said.

Coast guard officials said at least 50 died and 70 were missing in the deadly collision 570 kilometers (350 miles) south of Manila. Hampered by a thunderstorm and strong currents, divers temporarily halted their search Monday.

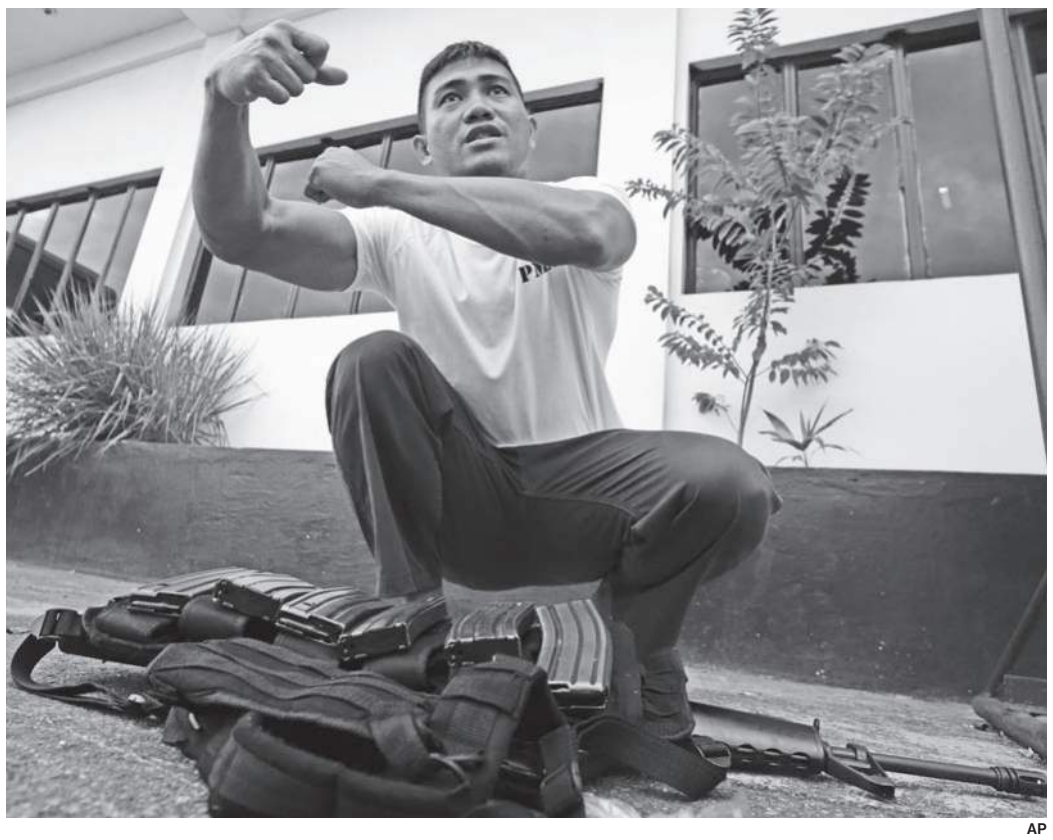
Frequent storms, badly maintained vessels and weak enforcement of safety regulations have been blamed for many past accidents at sea in the Philippines, including in 1987 when the ferry *Dona Paz* sank after colliding with a fuel tanker, killing more than 4,300 people in the world's worst peacetime maritime disaster.

Cebu Gov. Hilario Davide III said 750 passengers and crew of the *Thomas Aquinas* were rescued. There were no signs of additional survivors late Sunday, though Davide told reporters he had not given up hope.

Pestillos, one of several people praised for saving others in the accident, said he distributed life jackets and launched life rafts before creating his own flotation device by tying three life jackets to his navy service rifle.

As the ferry sank, Pestillos said he fell into water that reeked of oil and was hit by a falling life boat. He said he gave his homemade flotation device to a woman who needed it to stay afloat.

He said he lost sight of her when he went to help seven others, including two toddlers, toward an overturned life boat.



AP

Navy marshal Richard Pestillos recounts during an interview Sunday Aug.18, 2013 in Cebu city, central Philippines how he helped save the lives of at least seven passengers of the ill-fated *MV Thomas Aquinas* when it collided with the cargo ship *Sulpicio Express Siete* off the coast of Talisay near Cebu Friday.

Pestillos said rescuers found his rifle still tied to the life jackets, but it was not clear what happened to the woman.

"I'm really praying that she also made it to the shore alive," he said.

Cebu coast guard chief Commodore William Melad said records of hospitals, rescuers and the ferry owner indicate that 754 passengers and 116 crew were aboard the ferry when the accident occurred.

Coast guard deputy chief Rear Adm. Luis Tuason said some of the missing could still be trapped in the sunken ferry, which has been leaking oil.

Transportation Secretary Joseph Abaya said the cargo ship was leaving the Cebu pier when it smashed into the ferry's right side near the rear. He said the ferry was arriving from southern Agusan del Sur province and making a brief stop in Cebu before proceeding to Manila.

Outbound and incoming ships are assigned separate routes in the narrow channel leading to the busy Cebu pier. It is not known if one of the vessels strayed into the wrong lane, coast guard officials said.

"There was probably a non-observance of rules," Melad told reporters in Cebu on Sunday, but he said the investigation will start after the search and rescue work ends.

Japanese activists sail near disputed islands

IN THE EAST CHINA SEA (AP)—Nearly two dozen Japanese nationalist activists and fishermen sailed on Sunday to a small group of islands at the center of a territorial dispute with China. They were closely monitored by Japan's Coast Guard, but there were no Chinese patrols in the area and no incidents were reported.

After arriving in waters near the islands, those aboard the five fishing vessels carrying about 20 activists and fishermen began fishing but did not appear to have any plans to try to swim ashore, which is forbidden by the Japanese government and would be seen as a border violation by Beijing.

Both countries claim the uninhabited islands, known as the Senkaku in Japan and the Diaoyu in China, and have stepped up patrols to bolster their territorial claims. The dispute, which escalated rapidly after Japan moved last year to purchase them from a family who claimed to be their owner, has soured relations between the countries.

Japanese Coast Guard vessels monitored the ships closely, but an AP video journalist aboard one of them could not see any Chinese vessels. The trip was backed by Ganbare Nippon, a conservative and nationalist group, ostensibly to carry out a memorial ceremony at sea for about 80 civilians who died near the islets toward the end of World War II.

Fallen Chinese political star to be tried Thursday

BEIJING (AP)—Disgraced Chinese politician Bo Xilai goes on trial Thursday on corruption charges in a case crafted to minimize damage to the Communist Party and avoid exposure of party infighting or human rights abuses.

Sunday's announcement of a trial date for the former rising political star puts China's new leaders on track to wrap up a festering scandal as they try to cement their authority.

The former party secretary of the major city of Chongqing fell from power last year in China's messiest scandal in decades. It exposed the murder of a British businessman by Bo's wife and a thwarted defection bid by his former police chief.

Bo will stand trial in the Intermediate People's Court of the eastern city of Jinan on charges of taking bribes, embezzlement and abuse of power, said a one-sentence announcement on the court's microblog account. The announcement was also carried by the official Xinhua News Agency.

Bo

Most trials in China last less than one day and Bo, 64, is almost certain to be convicted.

Bo's downfall followed a failed defection attempt by his police chief at a U.S. consulate, which embarrassed Chinese leaders. The chief exposed a litany of complaints against Bo that gave political rivals ammunition to attack him.

Bo, the son of a revolutionary leader, was a member of the party's 25-member Politburo. But he alienated other party leaders by aggressively promoting his personal image and launched campaigns in Chongqing that invoked the radical era of the 1960s and `70s.

The charges against Bo appeared to be crafted to make him look like a rogue leader brought down by hubris and immorality. That would allow Chinese authorities to avoid questions about how the party's unchecked power enabled Bo's misconduct.

The court could avoid allegations of wiretapping conducted by his former top aide and the use of torture in an anti-crime crackdown. Judges could avoid asking about asset seizures from Chongqing entrepreneurs.

"These charges were tailor-made for Bo Xilai in view of the sentence that they want him to get," said Zhang Lifan, a historian and political analyst in Beijing.

"They decided how long they wanted to have Bo Xilai locked up for, and then according to that sentence, they made the appropriate charges," Zhang said. "But these charges have left out a lot of things that he is responsible for."

Bo's case was the last major unfinished business from the once-a-decade handover of power that began last November. Holding his trial now means the new leadership can wrap up the scandal before they head into a party meeting later this year that is meant to produce a blueprint for China's economic development.

ASIA BRIEFS

Death toll in China floods rises to 43

BEIJING (AP)—A government news agency says the death toll in flooding in China's northeast and southeast has risen to 43 and landslides blocked a major train line. The Xinhua News Agency said 12 deaths were reported Sunday in Liaoning province. That added to a total of 25 deaths reported earlier in Heilongjiang and Jilin, the other two provinces in China's northeast. In the south, six people were reported were killed by flooding and landslides in Guangdong province, which abuts Hong Kong.

Volcanic eruption coats Japanese city with ash

TOKYO (AP)—A volcano has erupted in southwestern Japan and coated a nearby city with a layer of ash. People in Kagoshima city wore masks and raincoats and used umbrellas to shield themselves from the ash after the Sakurajima volcano erupted Sunday afternoon. Drivers turned on their headlights, and local media described the ash like driving through snow at night. Railway operators stopped service in the city temporarily so ash could be removed from the tracks. Kyodo News reported no injuries have occurred. It said the smoke plume was 5 kilometers (3 miles) high and lava flowed about 1 kilometer (.6 miles) from the fissure.

Pakistan temporarily halts state executions

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan's government has halted all state executions temporarily, just a week ahead of the planned hangings of several al-Qaida-linked militants. Information Minister Pervaiz Rasheed said Sunday that the executions were halted until Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and President Asif Ali Zardari held talks. The minister says Sharif will see Zardari when the latter returns from a trip abroad. In 2012, Pakistan carried out its first execution since 2008. The previous government had put in place a moratorium on executions.

SKorea, US begin annual joint military drills

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea and the United States are conducting annual military drills that North Korea usually says are a rehearsal for invasion. This year's Ulchi Freedom Guardian drills occur as signs indicate a tentative easing of tension on the Korean Peninsula. The two Koreas agreed last week to work toward reopening a shuttered jointly run factory park. Pyongyang on Sunday accepted Seoul's offer for talks on reuniting families separated by war. The U.S. military says in a statement that the drills began Monday and will continue until Aug. 30.

Torrential rains close down Philippine capital

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Torrential rains brought the Philippine capital to a standstill Monday, making streets impassable to vehicles while thousands of people across coastal and mountainous northern regions moved to emergency shelters. Schools, offices, the stock exchange, courts and embassies were closed as the weather bureau placed metropolitan Manila under red alert. The national disaster agency and local officials reported at least two dead and several missing. Many areas were submerged in waist-deep floodwaters following a night of heavy rains brought by the monsoon, which was enhanced by Tropical Storm Trami. It hovered over the North Philippine Sea and drenched the main northern island of Luzon with up to 30 millimeters (1.18 inches) of rain per hour.

World

Egypt: 36 killed in prison truck escape attempt

CAIRO (AP)—Egyptian police fired tear gas Sunday in an attempt to free a guard from rioting detainees, killing at least 36 as the country's military leader vowed to tolerate no more violence after days of clashes that killed nearly 900 people.

The deaths of the prisoners, captured during the fierce fighting in recent days around Cairo's Ramses Square, came as Gen. Abdel-Fatah el-Sissi also called for the inclusion of Islamists in the government. Meanwhile, security forces detained Muslim Brotherhood members in raids aimed at stopping more planned rallies supporting ousted President Mohammed Morsi—which the military-backed government says fuels the violent unrest.

The suspects killed were part of a prison truck convoy of some 600 detainees heading to Abu Zaabal prison in northern Egypt, security officials told The Associated Press. Detainees in one of the trucks rioted and managed to capture a police officer inside, the officials said,

Fighting for control
Egypt's military and the Muslim Brotherhood, which backs ousted President Mohammed Morsi, are locked in a violent power struggle.
Mohammed Morsi
Muslim Brotherhood
• About An Islamist political group founded in Egypt in 1928 with the goal of removing the British and Western influence from Egypt; now has branches in the Middle East, North Africa and the U.S.
• Role in current conflict Morsi, the Brotherhood's candidate, was elected president in 2012 but ousted by the military last month after mass protests against him
• Leadership Morsi was taken into military custody after he was forced from office; he was Egypt's first non-military leader elected president since the monarchy was overthrown in 1952
Egypt's military
• About A powerful force that has retained control over the country for most of the past six decades; U.S. provides about $1.3 billion in military aid to Egypt every year
• Role in current conflict Egypt's military forced Morsi from power last month and backs the interim government; state forces killed hundreds of supporters of Morsi and the Muslim Brotherhood this week
• Leadership Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sisi commands Egypt's armed forces and is the country's de facto leader. Millions of Egyptians support him for taking action against the Brotherhood
Source: Tribune Newspapers reporting, McClatchy Newspapers, MCT Photo Service
Graphic: Chicago Tribune
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Security forces fired tear gas into the truck in hopes of freeing the badly beaten officer, the officials said. The officials said those killed died from suffocating on the gas.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to journalists.

However, the officials' version of event contradicted reports about the incident carried by state media. The official website of Egyptian state television reported that the deaths took place after security forces clashed with militants near the prison and detainees came under fire while trying to escape. The official MENA state news agency also said the trucks came under attack from gunmen.

State media also said all those killed and the gunmen belonged to the Muslim Brotherhood, the organization that Morsi hails from. The officials who spoke to AP said some of the detainees belonged to the Brotherhood, while others didn't.

The differences in the accounts could not be immediately reconciled Sunday night.

The violence adds to the ever-rising death toll in days of unrest. On Saturday alone, clashes between Morsi supporters and police killed 79 people, according to a government tally released Sunday and carried by MENA. That raised the death toll for four days of unrest across the country to nearly 900 people killed. Some 70 police officers were killed in clashes with protesters or retaliatory attacks during the same period, according to the Interior Ministry.

The clashes began Wednesday when security forces dismantled two encampments in Cairo of Morsi supporters, who demanded his reinstatement. The military overthrew Morsi in a bloodless July 3 coup after millions took to the street demanding him to step down.

Egypt's military-backed interim government declared a state of emergency after Wednesday's clashes and imposed a curfew, turning the capital into a ghost town after 7 p.m. every night. The government also began taking harsher measures to crippling the Brotherhood.

Security forces arrested hundreds of Muslim Brotherhood members early Sunday morning in raids on their homes in different cities, aimed at disrupting planned rallies to support Morsi. The Cabinet also held an emergency meeting to discuss potentially banning the group, a long-outlawed organization that swept to power in the country's first democratic elections a year ago.

A possible ban—which authorities say would be implemented over the group's use of violence—would be a repeat of the decades-long struggle between the state and the Brotherhood. It also would drain the group's financial resources and allow for mass arrests of its members. That likely would diminish the chances of a negotiated solution to the crisis and push the group again underground.

The Brotherhood has shown no signs of backing down though.

Under the banner of an anti-coup alliance, the group held protests Sunday, though many appeared smaller in scale than others held in recent days. In the coastal city of Alexandria, protesters clashed with residents. In the southern city of Assiut, security forces fired tear gas to disperse hundreds rallying in front of a mosque.

Partner of reporter at center of NSA leak detained

LONDON (AP)—The partner of a journalist who received leaks from former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden was detained for nearly nine hours Sunday under anti-terror legislation at Heathrow Airport, triggering claims that authorities are trying to interfere with reporting on the issue.

David Miranda, the partner of Guardian reporter Glenn Greenwald, was held for nearly the maximum time authorities are allowed to detain individuals under the Terrorism Act's Schedule 7, which authorizes security agencies to stop and question people at borders. Greenwald said Miranda's cellphone, laptops and memory sticks were confiscated.

"This is obviously a rather profound escalation of their attacks on the news-gathering process and journalism," Greenwald said in a post on the Guardian website. "It's bad enough to prosecute and imprison sources. It's worse still to imprison journalists who report the truth. But to start detaining the family members and loved ones of journalists is simply despotic."

Greenwald has written a series of stories about the NSA's electronic surveillance programs based on files handed over by Snowden. The former contractor fled the United States and is now in Russia, where he has received temporary asylum.

The 28-year-old Miranda was returning home to Brazil from Germany, where he was staying with Laura Poitras, a U.S. filmmaker who has worked with Greenwald on the NSA story, Greenwald said in his post. He also said British authorities had "zero suspicion" that Miranda was linked to a terror group and instead interrogated him about the NSA reporting and the contents of the electronic equipment he was carrying.

"If the U.K. and U.S. governments believe that tactics like this are going to deter or intimidate us in any way from continuing to report aggressively on what these documents reveal, they are beyond deluded," he said. "If anything, it will have only the opposite effect: to embolden us even further."

London police acknowledged that they had detained a 28-year-old man at 8:05 a.m. He was released at 5 p.m. without being arrested, the Metropolitan Police Service said.

"They kept David detained right up until the last minute: for the full 9 hours, something they very rarely do. Only at the last minute did they finally release him," Greenwald said. "This was obviously designed to send a message of intimidation to those of us working journalistically on reporting on the NSA and its British counterpart, the GCHQ."

Some of Guantanamo's hardest cases to get new look

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP)—As the U.S. renews its effort to close the Guantanamo Bay prison, it will soon begin reconsidering the fate of prisoners such as Mohammed al-Shimrani.

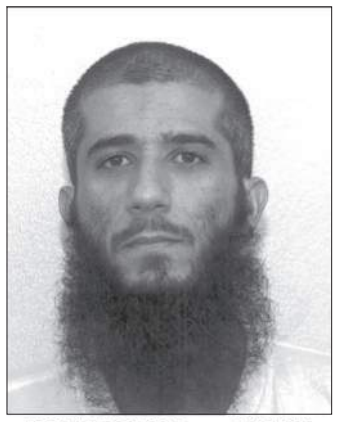
The 38-year-old Saudi is in a special category among the 166 prisoners at Guantanamo—one of nearly 50 men who a government task force decided were too dangerous to release but who can't be prosecuted, in some cases, because proceedings could reveal sensitive information. While the rest of the prisoners have been cleared for eventual release, transfer or prosecution, al-Shimrani and the others can only guess at their fate.

"The allegations against my client are no more serious than many, many Saudis who have been sent home," New York-based attorney Martha Rayner said of al-Shimrani. "It just baffles me."

The Pentagon says the men in the indefinite detention category are held under international laws of war until the "end of hostilities," whenever that may be. As a group, they are one of the chief hurdles to President Barack Obama's attempts to close the detention center on the U.S. base in Cuba.

For the most part, they have been accused of being al-Qaida and Taliban fighters, couriers and recruiters. After more than a decade, their lawyers say it's time to let them go.

Their lawyers recently began receiving notifications that intelligence officials from "various U.S. government agencies" would begin reviewing the detention of their clients to determine whether it was still necessary to hold them. A Defense Department spokesman, Army Lt. Col. Joseph Todd Breasseale, said the date for the first hearing hasn't been set.



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This Sept. 17, 2007, photo released on Aug. 13, 2013 by defense lawyer U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Barry Wingard shows detainee Faez al-Kandari in Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Base.

Details of how the panels will be conducted, whether, for example, lawyers for the men will be allowed to be present or can only appear by videoconference, have not been disclosed.

Rayner, a professor at Fordham University School of Law in New York, said she is hopeful because her client has family to receive him back in Saudi Arabia, and a government capable of providing any security assurances the U.S. might need.

"I am going into this with an open mind," she said.

Many who have long pushed for the closure of the prison say the U.S. needs to act fast because the legal premise for their indefinite detention will evaporate when the U.S. pulls its troops out of Afghanistan in 2014, effectively ending the war that prompted the opening of Guantanamo in January 2002.

Report: UK family living standards dropping

LONDON (AP)—Poor families in Britain are struggling to provide basics for their children as the cost of living rises faster than wages and benefits, research released by a charity Monday suggested.

The cost of raising a child during the first 18 years of life rose 4 percent to 148,105 pounds ($230,376) last year, while average earnings rose 1.5 percent and safety net benefits rose 1 percent, according to the report from the Child Poverty Action Group.

"This research paints a stark picture of families being squeezed by rising prices and stagnant wages, yet receiving ever-diminishing support from the government over the course of the last year," said Alison Garnham, the group's chief executive. "Every parent knows it's getting harder to pay for the essentials their children need, and they don't feel like politicians see them as a priority."

The report comes as Britain's coalition government, elected in 2010, imposes tough austerity measures to reduce the nation's budget deficit. Those programs include limiting benefit increases to 1 percent annually for three years, forcing many low-income residents to pay local council tax for the first time, and a new fee for public housing tenants with spare bedrooms.

Treasury chief George Osborne has acknowledged that the recovery is taking "longer than anyone hoped," but says that tackling the deficit will be better for the country in the long run despite the short term pain.

Child poverty advocates argue that such measures hit families hard—and that safeguarding families should be the government's priority. Looking at the numbers in economic isolation without considering the impact of such policies on children won't help the economy, they say, because families under strain won't be able to spend in the local community or save for the future.

Low-income families have been hit especially hard by higher world commodity prices, because basic items such as groceries and heating bills take up a larger portion of their incomes, according to the report. Rising costs for public transportation and public housing also fall disproportionately on the poor.

At the same time, safety-net benefits were cut in real terms for the first time since the 1930s, rather than rising by at least the rate of inflation, the report said.

Focus

5 decades later, some JFK probe files still sealed

By DAVID PORTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Five decades after President John F. Kennedy was fatally shot and long after official inquiries ended, thousands of pages of investigative documents remain withheld from public view. The contents of these files are partially known—and intriguing—and conspiracy buffs are not the only ones seeking to open them for a closer look.

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In this Nov. 22, 1963 file photo, President John F. Kennedy and first lady Jacqueline Kennedy ride in the backseat of an open limousine on Main Street at Ervay Street in Dallas as the presidential motorcade approaches Dealey Plaza.

Some serious researchers believe the off-limits files could shed valuable new light on nagging mysteries of the assassination—including what U.S. intelligence agencies knew about accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald before Nov. 22, 1963.

It turns out that several hundred of the still-classified pages concern a deceased CIA agent, George Joannides, whose activities just before the assassination and, fascinatingly, during a government investigation years later, have tantalized researchers for years.

"This is not about conspiracy, this is about transparency," said Jefferson Morley, a former Washington Post reporter and author embroiled in a decade-long lawsuit against the CIA, seeking release of the closed documents. "I think the CIA should obey the law. I don't think most people think that's a crazy idea."

Morley's effort has been joined by others, including G. Robert Blakey, chief counsel for a House investigation into the JFK assassination in the 1970s. But so far, the Joannides files and thousands more pages primarily from the CIA remain off-limits at a National Archives center in College Park, Md.

Others say the continued sealing of 50-year-old documents raises needless questions in the public's mind and encourages conspiracy theories.

"There is no question that in various ways the CIA obfuscated, but it may be they were covering up operations that were justifiable, benign CIA operations that had absolutely nothing to do with the Kennedy assassination," said Anthony Summers, a British author whose sequel to his JFK book "Not In Your Lifetime" will be released this year.

"But after 50 years, there is no reason that I can think of why such operations should still be concealed," Summers said. "By withholding Joannides material, the agency continues to encourage the public to believe they're covering up something more sinister."

To understand the attention to the Joannides files, it's necessary to go back to 1963 and to review what's known about Oswald that put him on the CIA's radar.

It's also important to recall the differing conclusions of the two official investigations of the JFK killing—one denying any conspiracy, the other suspecting one—and how much or how little cooperation investigators received from CIA officials, including Joannides himself.

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Oswald was a loner and an enigma even to those closest to him. He was "as difficult to understand as anyone I've studied in 35 years as a professional historian," said David Kaiser, whose 2008 book, "The Road To Dallas: The Assassination of John F. Kennedy," drew on tens of thousands of documents released in the 1990s.

Still, plenty was learned about Oswald after the shooting in Dallas. And, it's now clear, he was not unknown to the U.S. government before that.

Assassination investigators learned that Oswald had formed a group in New Orleans in the summer of 1963 that ostensibly supported Cuban leader Fidel Castro (Oswald was the only local member) and had been involved in a street altercation with anti-Castro demonstrators that was captured by a local television station.

Pamphlets Oswald had in his possession bore an address of a local anti-Castro operation connected to a former FBI agent with ties to organized crime, investigators discovered. That and other information has led researchers to believe that Oswald may have been part of a counterintelligence operation to discredit the group he had joined, the Fair Play For Cuba Committee, and that the street scene was a setup.

If so, who would have overseen such an operation?

Declassified documents show that Joannides, while based in Miami, was the CIA case officer for the anti-Castro Student Revolutionary Directorate (DRE), the group involved in the street fracas with Oswald.

What did this all add up to, if anything? Official investigations of the Kennedy assassination were not able to provide complete answers.

The Warren Commission, which concluded in 1964 that Oswald acted alone and was not part of a conspiracy, was never told about the CIA's possibly relevant anti-Castro activities, despite the fact that former CIA director Allen Dulles was a Warren Commission member.

Warren Commission staff counsel Burt Griffin, now a retired judge, calls it "an act of bad faith" by the CIA.

"I think they had an obligation to tell the chief justice (Earl Warren, commission chairman) about that, and then that decision would have been his and the commission's to make," Griffin said.

In separate interviews with The Associated Press, Griffin and fellow staff counsel David Slawson stood by the Warren Commission's conclusions.

Each pointed to a series of personal rejections behind Oswald's deadly action: Weeks after he made an unsuccessful attempt in Mexico City to get a visa to Cuba, his wife Marina rejected his attempts to reconcile their rocky marriage. It was during Oswald's visit, the night before the shooting, to the suburban Dallas home where his wife and two young daughters were staying that he packed up his disassembled Mannlicher-Carcano rifle to take to work the next day, the Warren Commission determined. That next morning, he removed his wedding ring, left his money with his wife, and departed to carry out the assassination.

"If she had taken him back," Slawson said, "he wouldn't have done it."

More complex and sinister theories about his motivation have been offered, of course, some flowing from the release in the 1990s of previously classified documents.

Kaiser, the historian, has postulated that Oswald, long seen as a devout leftist, was in fact being manipulated by right-wing and mob elements in his final months and that his visit to the Cuban and Soviet embassies in Mexico City in the fall of 1963 was part of an attempt to reach Cuba and kill Castro. Release of documents held by those governments could be revealing, Kaiser said.

By the time the House Select Committee on Assassinations convened in the mid-1970s to probe the Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. killings, other congressional investigations had exposed the CIA's activities in the early 1960s, including plots to assassinate Castro.

Those revelations would be overshadowed, however, by the House committee's JFK conclusion: That sound impulses recorded on the microphone of a Dallas police officer amounted to evidence of a shot from the infamous "grassy knoll" in Dealey Plaza, and thus of an additional gunman besides Oswald firing from a building window.

Kennedy, the committee's final report said in carefully tempered language, was "probably assassinated as the result of a conspiracy. The committee is unable to identify the other gunman or the extent of the conspiracy."

Subsequent analyses have cast doubt on the acoustic evidence, and the issue is considered unresolved.

That evidence was, of course, only part of the mountains of material considered by the committee, some of it from the CIA. And the CIA's liaison to the committee was none other than George Joannides, by then retired from the agency.

Blakey, the committee's chief counsel, recalled how the CIA brought in Joannides to act as a middleman to help fill requests for documents made by committee researchers. "He was put in a position to edit everything we were given before it was given to us," Blakey said.

But Blakey didn't learn about Joannides' past until Morley unearthed it in files declassified years later.

"If I'd known Joannides was the case officer for the DRE, he couldn't have been liaison; he would have been a witness," Blakey told The Associated Press.

Blakey added: "Do I think I was snookered, precisely like the Warren Commission was? Yes."

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Which brings us back to the still-secret investigative files—about 300 pages of which relate to Joannides.

First, some background:

Certain files held by the Warren Commission and House Select Committee were originally ordered sealed, for privacy, security and other considerations, well into the 21st century.

Decades passed before public pressure spurred by Oliver Stone's 1991 film "JFK" changed that.

Congress passed the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, which established the Assassination Records Review Board, or ARRB, to carry out release of records related to the assassination. As a result, about five million pages of documents have been released and are available for review at the National Archives and Records Administration in Maryland.

But the review board agreed to withhold about 1,100 records—each record comprises 1-20 pages—that are considered to contain information about confidential sources or methods or have national security implications.

The JFK Act required all records to be released by 2017, but it left some wiggle room for agencies to petition to have records withheld if disclosure would compromise "military defense, intelligence operations, law enforcement, or conduct of foreign relations."

It is unknown whether the CIA will try to keep some documents classified past 2017; if it does, that may only increase Morley's resolve.

"You have to wonder what is so important in a 50-year-old document," he said. "I've come to the conclusion that they're guarding something big, and that has stiffened my determination."

A CIA spokesman, Ned Price, said the agency has complied with the law in releasing documents and the archives center "has all of the Agency's documents and files on the Kennedy assassination. Price didn't comment on the Joannides material specifically, citing Morley's lawsuit.

"The classified information contained in the files remains subject to the declassification provisions of the Act," he said.

Meanwhile, the documents sit in metal boxes on shelves in "a big room that's temperature- and humidity-controlled," said Martha Murphy, the Archives' chief of special access and Freedom of Information Act requests.

Among those are the Joannides files. An index created by the CIA and provided to The Associated Press by Morley describes many of the files as containing information on Joannides' travel, training and personnel evaluations as well as memos pertaining to the CIA's interactions with the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

Morley's interest dates to the 1990s when he covered the newly-formed ARRB. He filed suit for the Joannides documents in 2003 and has pried loose several hundred pages since then.

A federal judge dismissed the case in 2010. But in June, a federal appeals court overruled a lower court that had denied Morley's request to be reimbursed for attorneys' fees. "Records about individuals allegedly involved in President Kennedy's assassination serve a public benefit," the decision said.

Morley does not suggest the Joannides files point to agency involvement in the assassination itself, but more likely that their release would show the CIA trying to keep secret its own flawed performance before the assassination.

"The idea that Lee Harvey Oswald was some unknown quantity to CIA officers was false," Morley said. "There was this incredible high-level attention to Oswald on the eve of the assassination."

Assuming that Oswald fired the fatal shot, he said, "These top CIA case officers are guilty of negligence."

Blakey isn't optimistic about getting all of the documents from the intelligence agency.

"They held stuff back from the Warren Commission, they held stuff back from us, they held stuff back from the ARRB," he said. "That's three agencies that they were supposed to be fully candid with. And now they're taking the position that some of these documents can't be released even today.

"Why are they continuing to fight tooth and nail to avoid doing something they'd promised to do?"

Overdrive

GM recalls nearly 300K Chevrolet Cruzes to fix brake problem

By JERRY HIRSCH
LOS ANGELES TIMES

General Motors said it will recall about 293,000 Chevrolet Cruze compact sedans to fix a brake problem.

The automaker said the 2011 and 2012 model year Cruzes can experience an intermittent loss of brake assist in certain engine-transmission configurations of the car.

In some cases, a driver will have to push harder on the brake pedal to stop the car.

There are 27 alleged low-speed crashes but no injuries related to Cruze brake performance, GM said, and some of those incidents could be a result of the brake pressure problem.

The condition is found in vehicles with the combination of the turbcharged 1.4-liter dual overhead cam gasoline mated to GM's 6T40 automatic transmission. Other engine and transmission combinations in the Cruze are not involved, GM said.

Dealers will fix the cars by replacing a microswitch in the power brake vacuum pipe assembly .

The Cruze is built in multiple plants globally, but only those assembled at its Lordstown, Ohio, factory are included in the U.S. recall.

The Cruze recall comes at a time when the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is trying to make sure that cars with defects get fixed.

Earlier this week, the agency said automakers must provide a free online tool that will allow owners or shoppers hunting for a used car to punch in a vehicle's 17-digit identification number and learn whether a specific vehicle is subject to a recall and whether it has been fixed. The rule starts next year.

Some automakers already have the tool, but it isn't available yet from GM.

Only about half of recalled vehicles are repaired, depending on the brand and model, according to industry estimates.

"There are some people who are not reached, and there are a significant number of people who don't respond," said Jack Nerad, an analyst at auto information company Kelley Blue Book. "They figure the car is running fine and don't bother to get it fixed."

"This is an important issue," he said. "People should respond to safety recalls."

Q&A: How good is recycled oil?

By PAUL BRAND
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Question: What is your take on 50 percent recycled oil? Stores are offering more of this oil. Is it just as good as new oil? Or should I stay with 100 percent new oil?

Answer: As an oil "consumer"—meaning I buy and change my own oil—here's my take on recycled oil. I'm absolutely sure it's as good as 100 percent new oil, meets all of the Society of Automotive Engineers and American Petroleum Institute service ratings and standards, and provides equal protection and performance. But—and here's where personal "baggage" comes into play—I'll stick with new oil. The vehicles and engines I own are mine, I'm responsible for their maintenance and longevity, so I'll continue to buy and use synthetic oil—the best oil available.

For the relatively small difference in price, I'm simply more comfortable sticking with what's worked for me for decades. At least until the price of recycled oil becomes so attractive that the Scrooge in me can't resist.

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Q: In August 2011 we purchased a 2012 Ford Fusion SEL to tow behind our motor home. We specifically asked the dealer what Ford products could be flat-towed as we did not want to deal with a tow dolly. We were told a Fusion would meet our needs. Six months later, an Owners Guide Supplement dated February 2012 came out saying that "Front-wheel drive vehicles CANNOT be flat-towed (all wheels on the ground) as vehicle or transmission damage may occur. The front wheels must be placed on a two-wheel tow dolly."

After finding out about this, we were told by the Ford dealer that we could continue to flat tow the vehicle and our 36-month warranty would cover any issues. We have already experienced a major tow-related problem with the transmission, which was repaired under warranty in March.

Since we invested a substantial sum to outfit the car to be flat towed, we feel that the change in Ford's position in the Owners Guide Supplement about this vehicle has substantially impaired the intended use of the vehicle. We also believe that the market value of the vehicle has been impacted if we decide we should sell it. Lastly, we feel that the safety of the vehicle has been severely compromised since we could have a major problem if the transmission should malfunction while we are towing it. Any advice?

A: Space limitations forced me to leave out your comments on the "impaired use and loss of value" issues, which are valid concerns. But to the heart of the matter: Depending on the build date of your Fusion, Ford Technical Service Bulletin 12-11-5, dated November 2012, identifies which Fusion models with the 6F35 automatic transmissions can be flat towed with all four wheels on the pavement. The short version is these vehicles can be flat towed for no more than six hours at speeds of 65 miles per hour or less, if the transmission fluid level is set correctly, and if the engine is run every six hours to cool the transmission fluid.

The issue is transmission fluid overheating and inadequate lubrication due to the fact that the transmission oil pump is not being driven by the running engine. This is always a concern when flat towing a vehicle with an automatic transmission and is why I've always recommended a tow dolly or trailer. Besides, the difference in wheelbase between the tow vehicle and towed vehicle can make sharp maneuvers difficult.

In my opinion you have three choices: Use a tow dolly (my choice), buy or persuade Ford to extend the warranty long enough to cover your intended ownership, or trade the vehicle. The problem with trading is that you may well face the same situation unless the vehicle is fitted with a manual transmission or you can unlock the driven wheels from the drivetrain for towing.

IN CELEBRATION OF MY EARTHLY DEPARTURE

FRANK GUERRERO CEPEDA

"IN GOOD SPIRIT, I SERVED… NO REGRETS – ONLY GOOD TIMES"

(Lovingly known as "SGM Cepeda", "Frank", "Frank Fe")

born on June 24, 1942, went peacefully to our Lord on August 15, 2013 at the age of 71.

As he entered the gates of heaven, ***Frank*** was greeted and reunited with his:
Parents: **Gregorio** Torres & **Ana** Deleon Guerrero Cepeda
Parents-in-Law: **Herman** Torres Ada **& Candelaria** Pereira Cruz
Son-in-Law: Jason Ignacio
Brothers, Sisters and In-laws: **Lorenzo**, **Jesus** and **Merced** DLG. Cepeda; Jose M. Reyes; Manuel C. Sablan; Pedro Torres Ada; Jose Suzuki; Robert Mew; William Ysrael.

Precious memories and lasting love for ***Frank*** will forever be in the hearts of his:

Wife: **Fe** Cruz Ada-Cepeda
Children/Granchildren & Great Grandchild:
Frank H. & Lina Cepeda [Joey]; **Fred** & Anna Marie Cepeda [**Reann** & Andy Rodriguez (Andy); **Ryan**]; **Ferman G**. & Eloisa Cepeda [Ferman, Gregory & Robert]; **Catherine C**. Ignacio [Jarred & Ariel]; **Darlene C**. & Jose Ocampo [Vanessa, Diane & Gabriel].
Brothers, Sisters, In-laws & Spouses:
Carmen C. Reyes & family; **Dolores** DLG. Cepeda & family; **Roman** DLG. /Lydia & family; **Consolacion C**. Sablan & family; **Lutmina C**./Helas Decherong & family; **Vicente** DLG. Cepeda & family; Margarita F. Cepeda & family; Mary Ada and family; Lourdes Ada Suzuki & family; Elvira Ada Mew & Family; Herman/Helen Ada & family; Frances Ada Ysrael & family

Caretakers: Noel Fermaran & Angelita Vidad

Extended Families: Leonard & Eula Sablan & family; John & Cristina Yohannan & family; Marianito & Amelita Tayo & family

Frank is also loved and cherished by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces, godchildren, and friends.

Daily masses of intention are offered at 6:00 a.m. and rosary is prayed at 7:00 p.m. at Kristo Rai Church.

Frank will be with us for the last time on Friday, August 23, 2013. Visitation and last respects are welcomed beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Kristo Rai Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. followed immediately with interment at the Veteran's Cemetery in Marpi where he will be laid to rest.

Your thoughts and most especially your prayers are sincerely appreciated.

FE ADA CEPEDA, CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Life & Style

'The Butler' serves box-office success at No. 1

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Lee Daniels' The Butler" is serving up success at the box office.

Starring Forest Whitaker as a long-time White House butler and Oprah Winfrey as his boozy wife, the Weinstein Co. biopic debuted in the top spot with $25 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. But the weekend's three other major new releases, including the action romp "Kick-Ass 2," failed to find traction with fans.

"We expected to do well, but we didn't expect to do this well," said Erik Lomis, president of distribution and home entertainment for Weinstein Co., adding that "The Butler" is the company's first No. 1 debut since 2009's "Inglourious Basterds."

Even with a full slate of newcomers, last week's top movies claimed the second and third spots in the box-office race. The Jason Sudeikis-Jennifer Aniston Warner Bros. comedy, "We're the Millers," held onto second place in its second week of release with $17.78 million, while last week's No. 1, Sony's "Elysium," dropped to third with $13.6 million.

AP

This film image released by The Weinstein Company shows Oprah Winfrey as Gloria Gaines, left, and Forest Whitaker as Cecil Gaines in a scene from "Lee Daniels' The Butler."

1. **"Lee Daniels' The Butler,"** $25 million.
2. **"We're the Millers,"** $17.78 million ($10.6 million international).
3. **"Elysium,"** $13.6 million ($23.4 million international).
4. **"Kick-Ass 2,"** $13.56 million ($6.3 million international).
5. **"Planes,"** $13.14 million ($7.3 million international).
6. **"Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters,"** $8.37 million ($21.8 million international).
7. **"Jobs,"** $6.7 million.
8. **"2 Guns,"** $5.57 million ($2.1 million international).
9. **"The Smurfs 2,"** $4.6 million ($20 million international).
10. **"The Wolverine,"** $4.42 million ($10.8 million international).

"It was tough if you were any other film opening other than `The Butler,'" said Paul Dergarabedian of box-office tracker Hollywood.com.

"Kick-Ass 2," Universal's tale of everyday teenagers who dress up as superhero crime-fighters, opened in fourth place with $13.56 million. Open Road's Steve Jobs biopic, "Jobs," debuted in seventh place with $6.7 million. And Relativity's "Paranoia," which stars Harrison Ford, Gary Oldman and Liam Hemsworth, didn't crack the top 12.

"Maybe it should have been Oprah Winfrey's `Jobs,'" Dergarabedian said. "It would have had a better shot."

Apart from Winfrey's unmatched marketing power, "The Butler" also marked the mogul's return to the big screen for the first time since 1998's "Beloved."

"She was a significant factor" in the film's success this weekend, Lomis said. "Her publicity machine really kicked into high gear, and the entire cast, Lee Daniels and Forest Whitaker, they delivered a quality film and a great campaign."

The summer typically belongs to superheroes and big-action fare, which is why Weinstein chose to release "The Butler" now.

"It's different from pretty much everything else in the marketplace," Lomis said. "That really seemed to help."

But the power of Oprah cannot be underestimated.

"It's stronger than anything else," Dergarabedian said. "An Oprah Winfrey endorsement virtually guarantees you a hit."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com. Where available, latest international numbers are also included. Final domestic figures will be released on Monday.

NecronomiCon to celebrate horror writer Lovecraft

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)—If you've enjoyed the works of Stephen King, seen the films "Alien" or "Prometheus," or heard about the fictional Arkham Asylum in Batman, thank H.P. Lovecraft, the early 20th century horror writer whose work has been an inspiration to others for nearly a century.

The mythos Lovecraft created in stories such as "The Call of Cthulhu," "The Case of Charles Dexter Ward" and "At the Mountains of Madness," has reached its tentacles deep into popular culture, so much that his creations and the works they inspired may be better known than the Providence writer himself.

Lovecraft's fans want to give the writer his due, and this month are holding what they say is the largest celebration ever of his work and influence. It's billed the "NecronomiCon," named after a Lovecraft creation: a book that was so dark and terrible that a person could barely read a few pages before going insane. The Aug. 22-25 convention is being held in Providence, where he lived and died—poor and obscure—at age 46 in 1937.

Howard Phillips Lovecraft was born in 1890. His parents both died in an insane asylum, his father when Lovecraft was just 8 years old, said S.T. Joshi, who has written a biography of Lovecraft and edited several collections of his work. He attended just three years of high school, leaving because of a nervous breakdown, Joshi said.

Besides a brief and unhappy marriage that took him to New York from 1924 to 1926, Lovecraft lived his whole life on Providence's East Side, close to Brown University. He wrote his most significant work after returning to Providence, publishing many of his stories in the magazine Weird Tales. He barely scraped together a living, but developed a wide network with fellow writers through letters, and wrote an estimated 80,000 of them in his lifetime.

Lovecraft said several times he could not live anywhere but Providence, a sentiment reflected in the gravestone his fans put up decades after his death: "I AM PROVIDENCE," a line they took from letters he wrote. The grave in a city cemetery is often visited today by fans, who leave trinkets or notes behind.

He was a fan of Edgar Allan Poe, a master of psychological horror, but Lovecraft tackled different themes.

He combined horror with science fiction and developed what is commonly referred to as cosmicism, the idea that man is inconsequential in the universe, that there are forces that defy human understanding in the cosmos, represented by gods or creatures who are far more powerful than us but also indifferent to us. To them, we are like ants or specks of dust. When we get in their way, we will be destroyed.

"A lot of these creatures have baffling physical properties that don't fit into our perceptions of natural law. For him the most terrifying thing that could happen is to defy our understanding of the known laws of physics," Joshi said.

His most famous creature is Cthulhu (commonly pronounced kuh-THOO'-loo).

"A pulpy, tentacled head surmounted a grotesque and scaly body with rudimentary wings," Lovecraft writes. He likens it simultaneously to an octopus, dragon, and human caricature.

In "The Shadow Over Innsmouth," he writes of a race of creatures that are a cross between fish, frogs and man. The story inspired a Metallica song, "The Thing That Should Not Be."

Lovecraft's writing is detailed and dense.

"You're not going to pick up a Lovecraft novel and just breeze through it," acknowledges Lovecraft fan Anthony Teth, who is helping to organize the conference.

He weaves in historical and architectural references throughout his stories, many of which are set in his beloved hometown or other spots he visited in New England, such as Salem, Mass., (Arkham) and Newburyport, Mass. (Innsmouth). In Providence, most of the buildings he wrote about are still standing, said Niels Hobbs, 43, a marine biologist who among those organizing the conference.

"When you walk the streets of Providence, especially College Hill, his old neighborhood, you can see Lovecraft's Providence. It's simply everywhere," he said.

Even so, many Providence residents have no idea of Lovecraft's connection with the city and his importance in literature. There are no Lovecraft museums or prominent markers in the city.

Judge OKs LA County condom requirements for porn

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A Los Angeles County law requiring adult film performers to wear condoms is constitutional, a federal judge has ruled.

The decision is a setback to porn producers who filed a lawsuit to block the implementation of the Safer Sex in the Adult Film Industry Act, or Measure B, which was approved by voters last November. It was sponsored by five individuals affiliated with the nonprofit AIDS Healthcare Foundation.

In the ruling Friday, U.S. District Judge Dean Pregerson wrote that supporters presented sufficient evidence of the health risks the measure seeks to reduce.

The law "will in fact alleviate those harms in a direct and material way," Pregerson wrote.

The decision was cheered by AHF president Michael Weinstein, one of the five individuals affiliated with the foundation who were the official proponents of Measure B. After county officials declined to defend the measure, the foundation was granted "intervener" status to defend it.

The porn industry later tried to have the group removed, but the motion was denied.

"Today's ruling ... is just a tremendous, tremendous victory, one that will go a long way to safeguard the health and safety of those adult performers working in the industry," Weinstein said Friday.

Vivid Entertainment and Califa Productions and porn performers Kayden Kross and Logan Pierce sued the county in January to prevent the implementation of the new law.

Vivid Co-Chairman Steven Hirsch expressed disappointment in the ruling.

"We continue to believe this unfunded mandate infringes upon our freedom of speech, and we will continue our fight by filing an immediate appeal to this portion of the court's ruling," Hirsch said in a statement Saturday.

Since the law's adoption, Los Angeles County health officials have confirmed they are investigating at least one alleged violation.

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Thin-skinned groom berates guest who sent his regrets

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I recently declined a wedding invitation because my spouse and I will be out of town on the date of the wedding. A few days after I sent the RSVP, I got an email from the groom saying he had "suspicions" that I wasn't attending because I was bitter about not being in the wedding party.

I was shocked by the email. Not only do I not care about who is in the wedding party, I don't think we're such close friends that we should have been invited in the first place. I think it's appalling that he would accuse someone who declined an invitation of having ulterior motives for not going.

I emailed him back, explaining that we will be out of town and how upset and disappointed I am that he would think something like that. Wasn't what he did a breach of etiquette?

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DEAR APPALLED: Yes, it was. Your inability to attend the wedding appears to have brought to the surface the groom's insecurity about his social relationships. I don't blame you for being appalled. The man's behavior was inappropriate.

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DEAR ABBY: My sister is 63, divorced, educated, intelligent, self-employed and receives monthly support from her ex-husband. The problem is she takes no responsibility for her health. She's extremely overweight because she overeats and doesn't exercise. She complains every day that she feels "terrible." (I call it self-pitying whining.)

Our other siblings think it is too late to confront her about it. I want to address the issue now, before she gains even more, or has a stroke or heart attack and, quite frankly, won't be able to care for herself. I don't want to see the responsibility fall on her three kids or us siblings. It's not fair. She's just too lazy to make necessary changes and constantly whines! Your thoughts?

SIBLING STANDING BY

DEAR SIBLING: The problem with "confronting" someone is that it usually makes the person being confronted defensive. In a case like this I don't recommend it. However, a family INTERVENTION might work. If the family members were to get together and, as a group, talk to your sister about your concern for her health, it might be the wake-up call she needs.

No mention of "whining" should be made, but suggest that she might have a touch of depression that could be helped if she brings it to the attention of her doctor. Tell her you all love her, that you're worried about her, and are willing to help her schedule an appointment with her physician if she's willing. I think that would be a loving thing to do.

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DEAR ABBY: When my wife and I go to a busy restaurant or a concert where we can pick up last-minute tickets, I often ask her to hop out of the car to find out if the wait times are reasonable or tickets are available while I wait in the car. I do this so I won't have to find a parking space until we're sure we will be staying.

My wife says my doing this is tacky. I believe it is efficient. What are your thoughts, recognizing that I usually come up with the short straw on matters of manners? Thanks!

JOHN K. IN WINDSOR, CONN.

DEAR JOHN K.: Your request makes perfect sense to me. Parking spaces are sometimes hard to find and valet parking isn't cheap. However, because your wife resents doing this, either she should be the one to drive so you can "hop out," or tickets and reservations should be made in advance either online or on the phone.

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Lindsay Lohan vows her troubled past is behind her

NEW YORK (AP)—Lindsay Lohan says this time it's going to be different.

In an interview that aired Sunday with Oprah Winfrey, the trouble-prone actress declared that this, her sixth stint in rehab, has put her on a path of recovery.

Lohan said she's in "a different head space" now and vowed to stay "present and clear-headed and focused."

"I feel whole again," she told Winfrey, "and I have such a desire to want to keep this feeling and stay this way, and I'm willing to do whatever it takes."

Lohan, 27, completed her latest court-ordered stay in rehab in July. She must continue therapy into late next year.

She acknowledged an addiction to alcohol, which "in the past was a gateway to other things for me," but she offered no specifics other than cocaine, which she said she has used no more than 15 times. Winfrey asked her what she's on these days. Lohan replied, "Vitamins."

"You're not on any prescription drugs?" Winfrey pressed.

"No, no," Lohan insisted, then checked herself: "I take Nexium. Because I have acid reflux."

AP

In this Oct. 11, 2012 file photo, Lindsay Lohan attends the Mr. Pink Ginseng launch party at the Beverly Wilshire hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Clad in a form-fitting orange dress, Lohan said a comfort level with her past chaotic life had fed her much-reported partying and her brushes with the law. But she added that she takes full blame for her mistakes.

When Winfrey asked if she can turn her life around this time, Lohan said with no hesitation, "Yeah."

The interview aired as an episode of "Oprah's Next Chapter" on the Oprah Winfrey Network, which will spotlight Lohan next year in an eight-part docuseries based on her life.

During the hour, an advertisement appeared for Cliffside Malibu, the rehab facility where Lohan was recently residing. That ad boasted of a treatment program so successful, it's guaranteed.

Lohan's latest film, "The Canyons," is currently in limited release.

In this Saturday, Aug. 10,2013 file photo, Miss California Teen USA 2013, Cassidy Wolf, is crowned Miss Teen USA 2013.

AP

FBI probes nude photo extortion of Miss Teen USA

TEMECULA, California (AP)—The FBI is investigating allegations that the newly crowned Miss Teen USA was the victim of someone who hacked into a webcam in her Southern California bedroom several months ago in an attempt to extort nude photographs from her.

Agents believe they have identified the person behind the alleged "sextortion" scheme, FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said Friday. No arrest has been made.

Cassidy Wolf, a 19-year-old graduate of Great Oak High School in Temecula, won the Miss Teen USA crown Saturday.

Wolf has said she would use her fame to highlight cybercrime, and earlier this week told the website of NBC's "Today" show that several months ago she received an anonymous email in which the sender claimed to have stolen images from the camera on her home computer.

The emailer threatened to go public with images captured from Wolf's webcam unless she would provide nude pictures of herself, Eimiller said.

Instead, Wolf went the authorities.

"Many victims are embarrassed or keep it to themselves," Eimiller said. "Coming forward is key to stopping the criminal activity."

Based on an investigation launched in March the FBI believes there are more than a dozen victims in all—from Riverside County, where Temecula is located, and beyond, Eimiller said.

Wolf's mother told the Riverside Press-Enterprise (http://bit.ly/14CZPcR) that her daughter was in New York, where she will attend the New York Film Academy. A phone message left Friday by The Associated Press for the mother was not immediately returned.

Prince Harry returns from Angola charity trip

AP

In this handout photo made available by the HALO Trust on Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013, Britain's Prince Harry, left, is given a tour around the current mine clearance site by HALO's provincial manager Tony Jose Antonio in Angola.

LONDON (AP)—Britain's Prince Harry has returned from Angola, where he visited a landmine clearance charity championed by his late mother, Princess Diana.

The HALO Trust charity said Saturday the 28-year-old prince visited the Angolan town of Cuito Cuanavale, which saw heavy fighting during the southern African nation's 1975-2002 civil war.

The group said Harry toured minefields and met beneficiaries of the group's work.

Harry was following in the footsteps of Diana, who visited minefields in Angola in 1997 and drew global attention to the charity's efforts to clear them.

Kensington Palace said in a statement that Harry was pleased to see the progress HALO had made and that he was keen to continue supporting its work.

The prince visited minefields with HALO in Mozambique in 2010.

The group said that it began clearing mines in Cuito Cuanavale about three years after the end of Angola's civil war, and that it has so far located and destroyed more than 21,300 mines.

The charity, founded in Afghanistan in 1988, now works in countries including Cambodia, Laos and Zimbabwe.

Eva Longoria to receive Hispanic Heritage Awards

WASHINGTON (AP)—Actress Eva Longoria, chef Jose Andres and actor and director Diego Luna are among those who will receive the 26th Hispanic Heritage Awards.

The Hispanic Heritage Foundation announced the winners Friday. The awards will be presented Sept. 5 at the Kennedy Center in Washington.

Other winners include: musical group Los Tigres Del Norte; Voto Latino President Maria Teresa Kumar; actress and singer Lucero; and race car driver Juan Pablo Montoya.

The Hispanic Heritage Awards were established in 1987 by President Ronald Reagan to commemorate the creation of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Johnson engaged to Gretzky's daughter

JUPITER, Fla. (AP)—PGA Tour player Dustin Johnson and Paulina Gretzky have taken to Twitter to say they're getting married.

Johnson tweeted Sunday that "she said yes!!!" and included a picture of a large diamond ring on the daughter of hockey great Wayne Gretzky. She retweeted it, along with several congratulatory messages from friends and family.

They first were linked at the start of the year when she was in the gallery at Kapalua, where Johnson won the Tournament of Champions. Gretzky and his wife, Janet, joined their daughter the following week in Honolulu at the Sony Open.

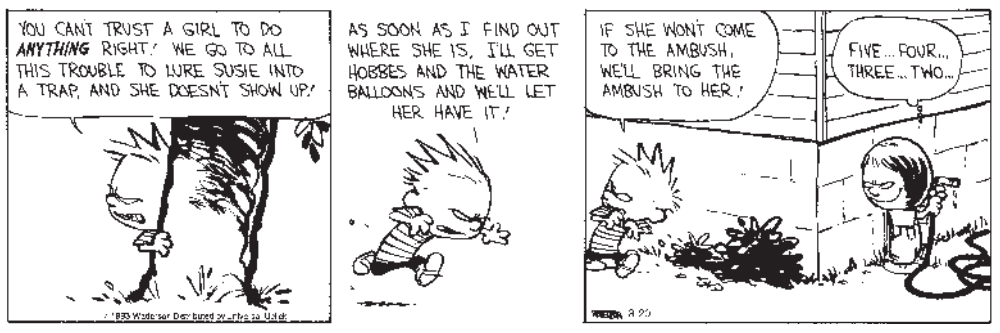
Johnson and Wayne Gretzky were partners in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

The 29-year-old Johnson already has seven wins in his first six years on the PGA Tour.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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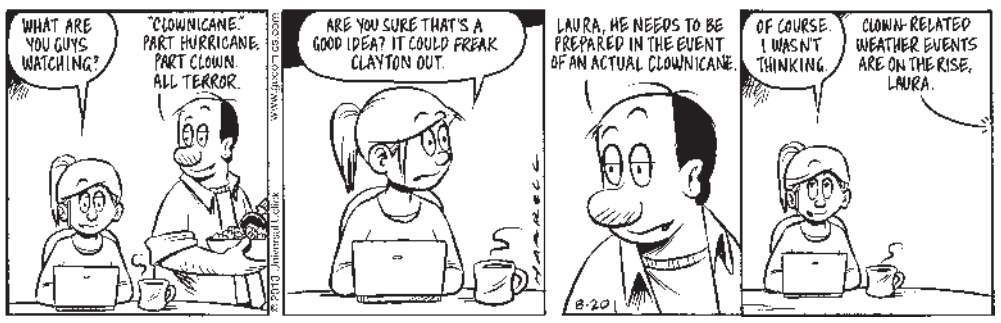
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ARE YOU SURE THAT'S A GOOD IDEA? IT COULD FREAK CLAYTON OUT.
LAURA, HE NEEDS TO BE PREPARED IN THE EVENT OF AN ACTUAL CLOWNICANE.
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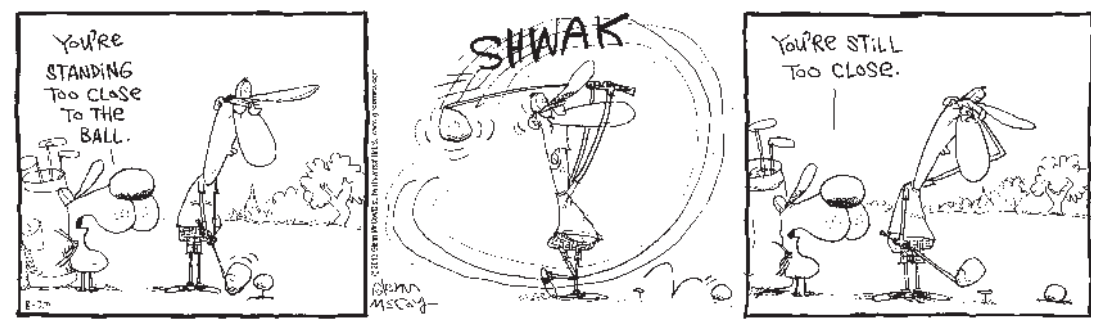
CLOWN-RELATED WEATHER EVENTS ARE ON THE RISE, LAURA.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

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5 Chic in the 1960s
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16 Beachgoer's application
18 Mixmaster maker
20 Memory methods
21 "Monty Python" opener
22 Auto
23 Scrap
26 Old timer?
30 Female deer
31 Bing's longtime pal
32 "Flying Down to —"
33 Rest periods for some
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38 Indivisible
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43 Feature of some automobiles
47 Very happy sort
49 Playwright William
50 Not busy
51 Scepter
52 Farm fraction
53 Tina and others
54 Shock partner
55 Act

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19 Ordinal suffix
22 Baby bear
23 Dentist's deg.
24 Debtor's letters
25 X rating?
26 "Help!"
27 Rage
28 Have a bug
29 Texter's "That's funny"
31 "See ya"
34 Extinguishes
35 Egyptian cross
36 — Francisco
37 Innumerable
39 Material for blue shoes?
40 "Yeah, right"
41 Unclothed
42 Sans siblings
43 Winter weather
44 Formerly
45 Fairy tale villain
46 Nourish
48 Savings plan acronym

Solution time: 21 mins.

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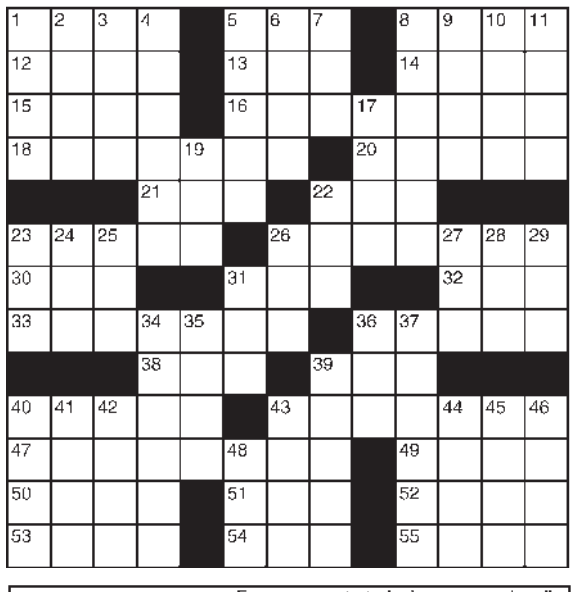

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Happy Birthday: Put your heart and soul into any project you take on. Work alongside friends, colleagues and partners. What you do jointly will pay off long-term and bring you all sorts of new options to consider. You have plenty to gain if you do your best to fit in, contribute equally and keep moderation in mind. Your numbers are 5, 11, 14, 27, 34, 40, 48.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Rethink your motives before making a professional or educational move. Impulsiveness will cause a poor reaction. Determine how the decisions you make will affect your personal and domestic life. Discuss your plans with those influenced by the choices you make. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): You'll get caught in the middle of a situation that can cost you a friendship, your reputation or your position if you aren't specific and don't stick to the facts when discussing your plans. Hiding information to avoid opposition will not end well. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Don't expect something for nothing. You may be offered assistance, but you will have to repay the favor. Change the way you present yourself and you will gain momentum. Love is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Talks may be hard to avoid, but in the end can also be costly. Be careful not to be too quick to judge or to offer assistance. Find out what's involved before you take on something you may not be able to finish. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Don't let emotional encounters escalate. Your ability to negotiate is good, and a solution can be found as long as you stay calm and complimentary. Additional responsibilities may not be welcome, but they will be necessary. Love is on the rise. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Consider what you can do to help an untimely situation resolve itself quickly. Acting secretively will help you lay groundwork that might be difficult if you share your plans. Don't go overboard. Practical actions will be sufficient. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Thinking about advancement will not get you there—you must take action. Charm and network your way to the top. Lack of participation will be your downfall. Don't allow personal responsibilities or relationships to stand between you and your goals. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Stay focused on your creative dreams and the type of life you aspire to have. Don't let petty emotional situations stop you from following through with your plans. Approach life uniquely and be original in your pursuits and investments. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Sign up for something that encourages you to meet new people. Communication is your ticket to a better life. Learn all you can and make a move to find a better position. A change in location will do you good. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Helping others will be draining. Put a cap on how much you will do or offer to avoid being railroaded into something that doesn't suit your current situation or plans. Partners are likely to overreact and make impulsive moves. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Emotions will be close to the surface, causing some problems for you when dealing with personal or professional relationships. A change will be expected and required if you are to make peace with someone you respect. Love is in the stars. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Rely on your inner feelings to help you make the best choice possible when dealing with contracts or legal, financial or health matters. Secrecy and meddling will lead to a problem with someone you need as an ally. Honesty will help you maintain control. ✪✪✪

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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By DAVID OUELLET

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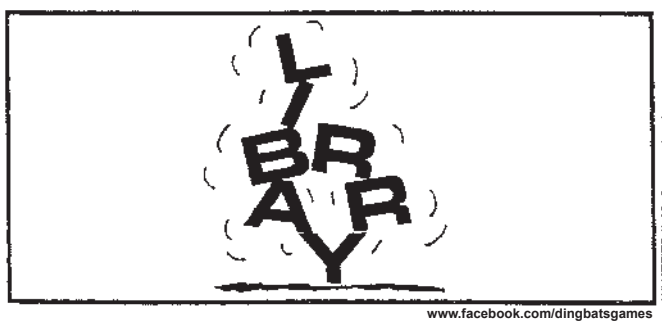

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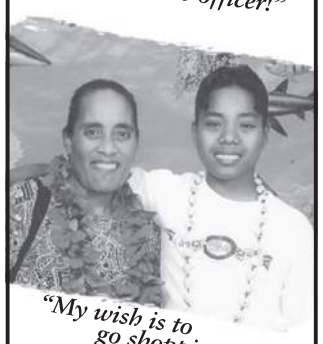

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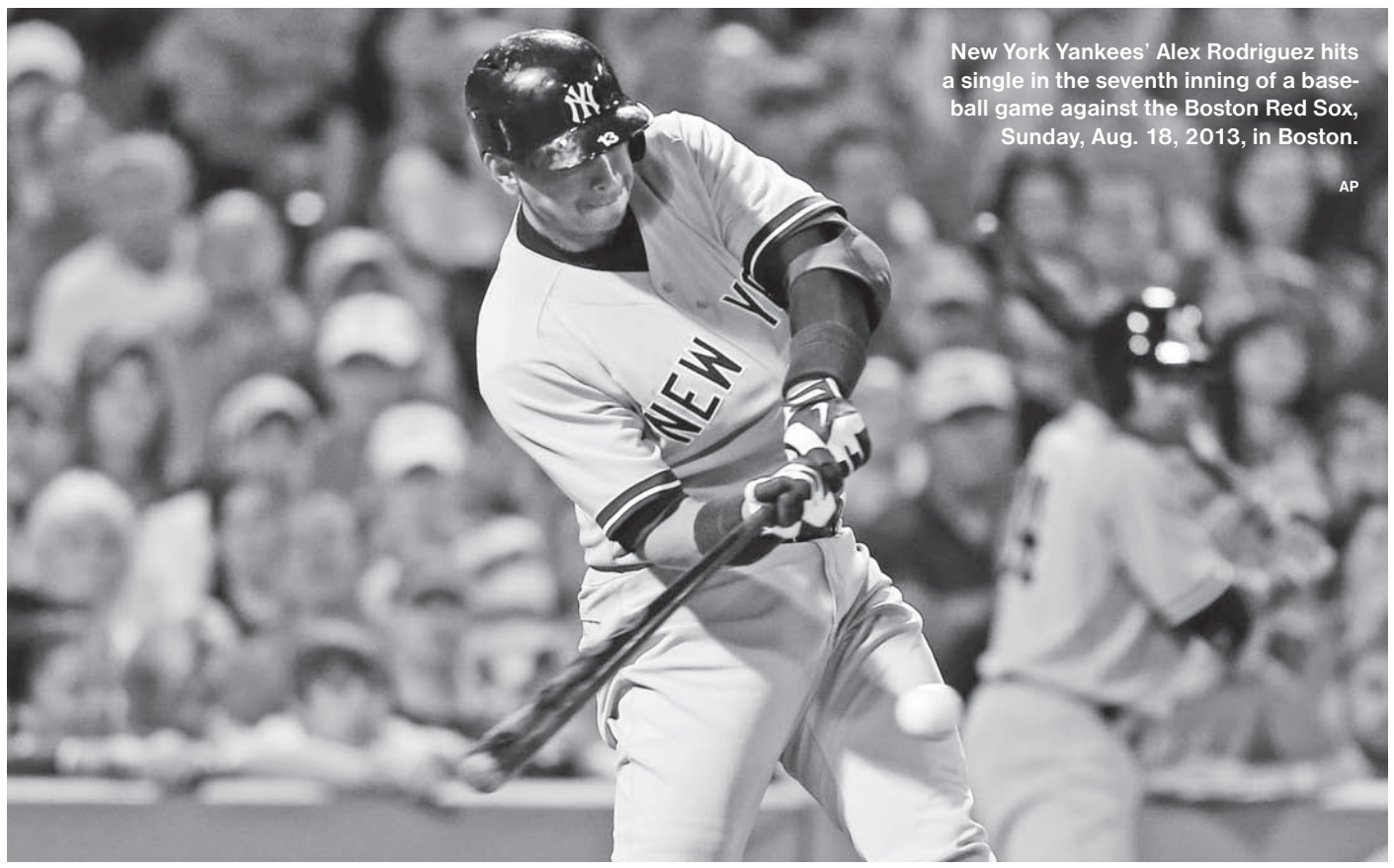
A-Rod HBP then hits HR in Yanks' 9-6 win over Sox



New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez hits a single in the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Boston Red Sox, Sunday, Aug. 18, 2013, in Boston.

AP

BOSTON (AP)—Alex Rodriguez was hit by a fastball his first time up and then homered to start a four-run sixth inning that rallied the New York Yankees to a 9-6 win over the Boston Red Sox on Sunday.

Yankees manager Joe Girardi was ejected after storming out of the dugout to holler at plate umpire Brian O'Nora, who warned both benches immediately after Rodriguez was plunked by Ryan Dempster's 3-0 pitch leading off the second inning. It struck his left elbow pad and ricocheted off his back.

"He should have been thrown out of the game," Girardi said. "Everyone knows it was intentional."

Players streamed from the dugouts and benches, but no skirmishes developed in the latest testy game between the longtime rivals.

The dustup seemed to spark the Yankees, who were trailing 2-0 at the time. Mariano Rivera earned his first save since blowing three chances in a row for the first time in his career.

Rodriguez, who is appealing his 211-game suspension in the Biogenesis case, went 3 for 4 with two runs and two RBIs. His homer to deep center leading off the sixth pulled the Yankees within 6-4. New York loaded the bases and went ahead when Brett Gardner hit a bases-clearing triple.

Tigers 6, Royals 3

In Detroit, Miguel Cabrera hit his 40th home run and had an RBI single to help Max Scherzer become baseball's first 18-game winner in Detroit's victory over Kansas City.

The reigning Triple Crown winner became the third player since 1921 to have at least 40 homers and 120 RBIs while batting .350 or better through 116 games, joining Babe Ruth and Jimmie Foxx, according to STATS.

Scherzer (18-1) gave up two runs on five hits over eight innings. Scherzer and Roger Clemens are the only pitchers since 1919 to have 18 wins in their first 19 decisions, STATS said.

Cabrera, who has eight homers in 13 games, leads the majors in batting (.360) and RBIs (120). His home run pulled him within five of Baltimore's Chris Davis.

White Sox 5, Twins 2

In Minneapolis, Alexei Ramirez homered and had three RBIs, Hector Santiago won for the first time since June 21, as the Chicago White Sox beat Minnesota.

Ramirez finished a triple shy of the cycle. He homered to lead off the fifth inning, giving Chicago a 4-2 lead and helping his team win its first road series in more than a month.

Jeff Keppinger's single scored Avisail Garcia to make it 5-2 later in the fifth.

Brian Dozier had two hits and an RBI for Minnesota, which went 2 for 18 with runners in scoring position and lost for the fifth time in six games.

Rays 2, Blue Jays 1, 10 innings

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Jose Lobaton hit a solo home run in the 10th inning as Tampa Bay edged Toronto.

Lobaton sent a 2-1 pitch from Brad Lincoln (1-2) into the right-field seats. Lobaton had a game-ending triple in the ninth on Friday.

Jake McGee (3-3) struck out one during a perfect 10th.

Tampa Bay took two of three from Toronto, which hasn't won a series at Tropicana Field since April 2007.

Mariners 4, Rangers 3

In Arlington, Texas, Kyle Seager hit an RBI double with two outs in the ninth inning, lifting Seattle over Texas.

The Mariners took two of three from AL West-leading Texas. They scored three runs in 7 1-3 innings against Rangers ace Yu Darvish in the series finale.

Texas closer Joe Nathan (3-2) took over to begin the ninth with the score 3-all, and Endy Chavez led off with a single. Humberto Quintero sacrificed and Nick Franklin drew a two-out walk before Seager's go-ahead hit.

Yoervis Medina (4-3) got the win and Danny Farquhar earned his seventh save in 10 tries.

Astros 7, Angels 5

In Anaheim, California, Matt Dominguez hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the seventh inning as Houston won back-to-back series for the first time in nearly two months with a victory over the Los Angeles Angels.

Dominguez tied his career high with four hits in his native Southern California, and L.J. Hoes had his first career homer among three hits in the major league-worst Astros' fourth win in six games.

After Houston blew an early three-run lead, Dominguez homered one pitch after reliever Juan Gutierrez (0-4) intentionally walked Carlos Corporan.

Brett Oberholtzer (3-1) pitched six effective innings during Houston's sixth win in seven games at Angel Stadium.

Athletics 7, Indians 3

In Oakland, California, Chris Young and Alberto Callaspo homered in the fifth inning of Oakland's win over Cleveland.

Jed Lowrie, batting leadoff for only the third time this season, had two hits and scored twice for Oakland. Josh Donaldson drove in three runs for the A's, who pulled within a half-game of AL West-leading Texas.

Young hit his 11th home run of the season off Cleveland starter Scott Kazmir (7-6) to break a 3-all tie in the fifth. Three pitches later, Callaspo followed with his sixth homer and first since being acquired from the Angels in late July.

Ryan Raburn homered for Cleveland, which has lost six of seven in Oakland.

Orioles 7, Rockies 2

In Baltimore, Chris Davis went 4 for 5 with his major league-leading 45th home run and Adam Jones had a two-run shot among his three hits as Baltimore topped Colorado.

Scott Feldman (3-3) pitched into the seventh inning to earn his first win in nearly a month. Davis scored three times and got hits in his final four at-bats.

After the All-Star slugger's two-out double off Jhoulys Chacin (11-7) in the third, Jones launched his 25th home run for a 3-0 lead.

Feldman allowed two runs and five hits over 6 1-3 innings for his victory since July 22.

Chacin, who entered with a 1.87 road ERA, gave up nine hits and three runs over 5 1-3 innings.

Phillies 3, Dodgers 2

In Philadelphia, Carlos Ruiz had four hits, and the Philadelphia Phillies benefited from two ninth-inning errors by shortstop Hanley Ramirez to beat the Dodgers, giving interim manager Ryne Sandberg his first victory and ending Los Angeles' 10-game winning streak.

Sandberg took over when Charlie Manuel, the most successful manager in club history, was fired on Friday. The Phillies, shut out by the Dodgers in each of Sandberg's first two games, snapped a four-game skid and won for the fifth time in 26 games.

Andre Ethier homered for the Dodgers, who have lost just nine of their last 51.

Darin Ruf hit a home run to begin Philadelphia's comeback from a two-run deficit. Jonathan Papelbon (3-1) struck out two in a scoreless ninth to earn the win.

Diamondbacks 4, Pirates 2

In Pittsburgh, Adam Eaton's bloop double in the 16th inning drove in two runs as Arizona outlasted Pittsburgh.

Eaton's career-high fourth hit came during his seventh at-bat, with A.J. Pollock and Didi Gregorius on and two outs. Eaton fought off a 1-0 pitch from Kris Johnson and dunked the ball into shallow left-center.

Arizona remained five games behind Cincinnati in the race for the second NL wild-card spot. Pittsburgh's lead in the NL Central dwindled to one game over St. Louis.

The Pirates dropped two of three to Arizona, losing their third consecutive series.

Wade Miley limited the Pirates to two runs over eight innings, and Aaron Hill went 4 for 7 to extend his hitting streak to 11 games for Arizona.

Arizona's victory was its 27th in its final at-bat, by far the most in the majors. It also was the Diamondbacks' 36th comeback win—second-most in the majors—and club-record 13th in extra innings.

Six Arizona relievers combined to pitch eight scoreless innings. Brad Ziegler (7-1) had two strikeouts while pitching perfect 14th and 15th innings, and J.J. Putz worked around two walks—one intentional—in the 16th to earn his sixth save.

Johnson (0-1) threw 82 pitches in six innings after being selected from Triple-A Indianapolis earlier Sunday.

Reds 9, Brewers 1

In Milwaukee, Homer Bailey allowed one run and three hits in eight innings as Cincinnati routed Milwaukee.

Bailey (8-10) won his third straight decision and improved his career mark against Milwaukee to 2-7 with his first win in three starts against the Brewers this season.

Scooter Gennett's double in the second, and Khris Davis' solo shot in the fifth and infield single in the seventh were the only hits for the Brewers. Bailey walked one and struck out eight, including Juan Francisco three times.

Brewers starter Wily Peralta (8-13) allowed five runs. Cincinnati sent 10 men to the plate in the fifth and tacked on four more runs.

Braves 2, Nationals 1

In Atlanta, Julio Teheran pitched around trouble through six scoreless innings as a tired Atlanta bullpen held on in a win over Washington.

The Braves won two of three in the series and stretched their NL East lead over the second-place Nationals to 15 1/2 games.

Four Atlanta relievers made it through the final three innings, preserving the win for Teheran (10-6).

Craig Kimbrel pitched the ninth for his 39th save.

Both teams exhausted their bullpens in the Nationals' 8-7 win in 15 innings on Saturday night.

Freddie Freeman and Chris Johnson hit RBI singles off Gio Gonzalez (7-6) in the first. Gonzalez gave up two hits and no runs in the next six innings.

Marlins 6, Giants 5

In Miami, Jeff Mathis hit an early home run, then lined a tiebreaking double in the eighth inning that bounced off center fielder Andres Torres and sent Miami over San Francisco.

It was 5-all in a back-and-forth game when Ed Lucas led off the eighth with a single against Sandy Rosario (3-1). With one out, Mathis hit a liner to left-center and the ball dropped in front of Torres' dive and caromed off him.

Chad Qualls (4-1) pitched 1 1-3 scoreless innings and Steve Cishek worked the ninth for his 27th save in 29 chances.

Hector Sanchez singled with one out in the ninth before Buster Posey grounded into a game-ending double play.

Hunter Pence homered and drove in three runs, Brandon Crawford also hit a home run, and Gregor Blanco had three hits for the Giants.

Cardinals 6, Cubs 1

In Chicago, Cardinals ace Adam Wainwright struck out 11 and allowed one run through seven innings, and Jon Jay drove in four runs with a homer and double to lead St. Louis past the Chicago Cubs.

Matt Carpenter singled in two runs in the third to help back Wainwright (14-7), who was in command and allowed just five hits and one walk after going 0-2 in his previous four starts.

Junior Lake drove in the Cubs' run with a double in the sixth.

Wainwright hadn't won since July 21 at home against San Diego and had allowed 14 runs in 28 innings during the span. On Sunday, he faced only one batter over the minimum through the first five innings and only 26 through seven innings.

Chicago starter Edwin Jackson (7-13) allowed three runs, one earned, through six innings.

Padres 4, Mets 3

In San Diego, Will Venable hit a leadoff homer in the ninth inning to give San Diego a victory over the New York Mets.

Venable sent a 1-2 pitch from Pedro Feliciano (0-2) just inside the right-field foul pole for his team-high 17th home run. Venable, who also drove in a run in the fifth, extended his career-best hitting streak to 15 games.

Huston Street (1-4) worked a scoreless ninth for the win.

Matt Harvey pitched six solid innings for the Mets and regained the NL lead in strikeouts. New York split the four-game series and is 4-6 on an 11-game road trip, its longest of the season.

Harvey, who didn't walk a batter, had his 16th no-decision but lowered his ERA to 2.25, second-best in the majors.

Reed beats Spieth in playoff at Wyndham

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP)—In the span of a couple of strokes, Patrick Reed went from almost certain disaster to his first PGA Tour victory.

Reed won the Wyndham Championship on Sunday for his first title, beating Jordan Spieth with a most improbable birdie on the second hole of a playoff.

Reed recovered from a drive on the par-4 10th that came a few feet from going out of bounds and stopped in some pine needles in the woods near a television cable.

Reed pulled out his 7-iron, uncorked a baseball swing from an uphill lie and sent the ball under a tree branch—yet away from the tree trunk—to land his second shot 7 feet from the pin.

"It was the best shot of my life, that's for sure," Reed said.

Spieth, who called it "one of the best shots I've ever witnessed," had reached the green in two strokes, but his 10-foot birdie putt trickled wide of the cup.

Reed then sank his short birdie putt that "felt like it was 40" feet to end it.

"Just to get my first win means everything to me," Reed said.

Reed, who had his third straight top-10 finish, earned $954,000 in prize money and 500 FedEx Cup points for winning the final tournament before the playoffs.

Reed and Spieth finished regulation at 14-under 266. Reed closed with a 4-under 66, and Spieth had a 65.

The 20-year-old Spieth, the John Deere winner in a playoff last month, was denied in his bid to become youngest two-time champion in the modern era of the PGA Tour.

John Huh and Brian Harman were two strokes behind. Harman had a 66, and Huh shot 68. Matt Jones matched the tournament record for a final round with a 62 and finished at 11 under along with Matt Every (67) and Zach Johnson (68).

Reed—who let a three-stroke lead on the back nine slip away—missed a chance to win it on the first playoff hole, the par-4 18th.

Spieth recovered from a terrible drive and saved par with a snaking 25-foot putt.

Reed pushed his 7-foot birdie putt wide of the hole, sending it to a second extra hole.

"I don't even know how I was still playing (the second playoff hole) after what happened on 18," Spieth said.

Spieth and Huh both caught Reed at 14 under down the stretch in regulation.

At roughly the same time Reed bogeyed the par-3 16th, Spieth birdied the par-4 17th and closed with a par. Huh quickly slipped off the pace after finishing with two bogeys.

Reed, who led or shared the lead after the second and third rounds, also could have won it in regulation after landing his approach shot on the 18th in the center of the green.

But he left his approximately 20-foot birdie putt short and tapped in to force the playoff.

At the end of the day, the leaderboard looked much like it did at the start—tightly bunched. Eight players began the round within two strokes of the lead.

Reed compared the scenario to a Monday qualifier, and he knows plenty about those: he earned his spots in six tournaments last year by playing well in those 18-hole Monday rounds.

For the second straight day, organizers tried to beat the rain by starting the round early, sending players off in threesomes from the first and 10th tees. The skies were ominously overcast all day, but the saturated course didn't receive any rain.

And unlike the third round—in which only 13 players broke par—scores were significantly lower on the water-logged Sedgefield course, and that turned the final 18 holes into a shootout.

Jones birdied five consecutive holes and six of seven during his best round of the year.

"Every golfer out here can go and shoot that," Jones said.

Jones and Simpson, the 2011 winner who shot a 63, led the 52 players who shot better than even-par 70 during the final round.

"You really couldn't tell that the greens got any rain," Simpson said. "They were still as fast today as I've ever seen them."

At one point early in the round, five players—Reed, Every, Harman, Huh and Johnson—shared the lead at 10 under and six others were within two strokes of them.

It wound up being a mostly fruitless week for the players on the playoff bubble who missed their last chance to push their way into The Barclays next week.

Nobody who started the week outside the top 125 managed to make it in. Each of the players at Nos. 126-132 missed the cut, and No. 133 Robert Streb finished at 3 under but could only jump to 126th.

"I was trying to put (the pressure) to the side as much as I could," Streb said. "You can't completely ignore it, but I just tried to play the best golf I could."

AP

Justine Reed, left, hands her husband Patrick Reed a ball on the 18th hole during the final round of the Wyndham Championship golf tournament at Sedgefield Country Club, Sunday, Aug. 18, 2013, in Greensboro, N.C. Reed won the tournament in a two hole playoff.

Sources: Dolphins' Dustin Keller (knee) out for season

MIAMI (AP)—Dustin Keller will miss the entire season with a knee injury that leaves the Miami Dolphins without much experience at tight end, a position in which they were counting on an upgrade to enliven their offense in 2013.

Keller seriously injured his right knee during Saturday's preseason game at Houston, two people familiar with the diagnosis said Sunday. They confirmed the extent of the injury on condition of anonymity because the Dolphins made no public comment.

Keller signed a $4.25 million, one-year contract with the Dolphins in March after five seasons with the New York Jets. His injury represents a significant setback for the Dolphins, who acquired Keller to replace tight end Tony Fasano and help second-year quarterback Ryan Tannehill.

Miami ranked 30th in the NFL last year with 13 touchdown passes, but Tannehill and Keller had clicked in training camp and connected on a 22-yard touchdown pass in the second exhibition game.

"Dustin brought a lot to the table for us," Tannehill said. "He's a great player, and it's a tough situation. But at the end of the day we have to have somebody step up and play in his shoes."

Keller was carted off the field after taking a hit in the knee from the helmet of tackler D.J. Swearinger, a rookie safety. The play was legal, and Swearinger said he went low because tackling high can lead to a fine.

Swearinger sent a tweet on behalf of Keller, although he referred to him by the wrong name.

"Everybody pray 4 justin keller," Swearinger tweeted. "I pray you have a speedy recovery bro...and kill it when you get back.... DEFINITELY wasnt intentional."

One option to replace Keller is Charles Clay, who has made 34 receptions in two seasons while dividing his time between tight end and fullback. Potential replacements also include fourth-round draft pick Dion Sims, who has had a good camp, and Michael Egnew, who played in only two games last year after being drafted in the third round.

"We have other guys who have caught the ball down the middle," Dolphins coach Joe Philbin said after Saturday's game. "We've got some big targets. Egnew is a big man. Dion Sims is a big man. Clay has caught the ball down the middle before. We'll adjust."

Clay has made 16 starts at fullback and only two at tight end but said he is ready to devote more time to the latter position.

"If I'm the next up, I'm going to go out there and give it everything I've got," he said. "It's something that I feel comfortable doing, but it's something I also feel I need work on, as well."

Sims, who played at Michigan State, has showed promise as a blocker and has also caught the ball well in camp while adjusting to the NFL.

"It's just a lot faster," he said. "Everything else is pretty much the same. It's all football, X's and O's, but it's just faster. Everybody is good. There's a smaller margin for error."

Keller had hoped to parlay a big season in 2013 into a multiyear deal beginning next year. He has 17 career touchdown receptions but played in only eight games in 2012 because of hamstring and ankle injuries.

"Praying my man Dustin Keller 81 has a speedy recovery," Clay tweeted. "Great ball player but even better person."

Frazier says Adrian Peterson will play this week

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP)—Adrian Peterson has been cleared for takeoff.

The reigning NFL MVP will make his preseason debut against the San Francisco 49ers this week, Minnesota Vikings coach Leslie Frazier said on Sunday. Peterson sat out the first two games against Houston and Buffalo and hasn't played in an exhibition game since 2011. The Vikings held the star running back out of all four games in the preseason last year while he worked his way back from reconstructive surgery on his left knee.

Frazier wasn't ready to divulge exactly how much Peterson will play at San Francisco, but there is no question that his mere presence should be a boon to a starting offense that looked awfully ragged in its first extensive playing time of the preseason at Buffalo last week.

"Without Adrian Peterson in our scheme, it impacts our offense tremendously because he's the focal point," Frazier said. "Yeah, it definitely makes a difference. That will be obvious when we open up the season. It's obvious if you look at us from a season ago and it showed on Friday night."

After playing just two plays in the exhibition opener against Houston, Christian Ponder and the rest of the starting offense sans Peterson played five series against the Bills. Ponder went 5 of 12 for 53 yards, was sacked on the first play of the game and also took a 14-yard loss when center John Sullivan fired a shotgun snap when Ponder wasn't looking. The offense failed to get a first down on four of the five possessions while Ponder was in the game and managed just three points.

For a young quarterback who is throwing to a new-look set of receivers and has been dubbed as the single biggest factor in the team's hopes to return to the playoffs for a second straight season, it did little to show he was poised for a breakout season. The Vikings also dropped several passes and the offensive line looked completely unprepared for the Bills' exotic blitzes, so there was plenty of blame to spread around.

"There's a lot of things we're going to be able to learn from the tape, and I think next week in San Francisco is going to be the big barometer of where we are as a team," Ponder said after the game. "I think the starters will play the first half and a little bit into the second half. So we'll learn from this one and move on to the next one."

Padres nose out Braves, 4-3

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The Padres' first baseman picks up a grounder during their game against the Yankees in the opening week of 2nd Annual Triple A Youth Baseball League at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Padres notched their second win in as many games in the 2nd Annual Triple A Youth Baseball League after edging the Braves, 4-3, last Wednesday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Patrick Tenorio delivered the winning hit, as his single at the top of the sixth inning drove Leeroy Regis home and the Padres sealed the victory after getting three strikeouts in the last two innings.

The Braves and Padres played in the first game and the match remained tied after five complete innings with the former getting two runs in the second inning and adding one in the fifth. The Padres made it to the board in the first inning off Khobby Kaipat's RBI single and got one more RBI single from Kainoa Wanket and an unearned run in the second before going cold in the next three innings.

The Padres went on to break their silence in the sixth inning with Regis leading off, walking to first, stealing second, and advancing to third off a wild pitch before Tenorio brought him home. Tenorio made it all the way to third with only one out, but was left stranded after the Braves got the two outs to end the inning.

The Braves failed to score at the bottom of the sixth, as Jared Sablan took over the mound and struck out two batters. Sablan got another strike to start the bottom of the seventh and last inning and moved out one way from closing the match with a 1-3 putout play. Third batter A.J. Evangelista then walked to keep the Braves in the game, but was later beaten to second base for the third and final out.

Pirates 5, Yankees 4

Also gaining a close win last Wednesday were the Pirates (2-0).

The Pirates took a 5-2 run, going into the last inning where they stopped a Yankees rally to take their second win. T.J. Sablan blasted a two-run double in the third inning, Jun Rabauliman had a one-run double, and the two runs came off the Yankees' error.

The Yankeess got their first two runs off Brandon Dela Cruz and Greg Iskawa's RBI singles and were pressed to score at least three runs at the bottom of the seventh to force an extra inning. The Yankees then were one out away from absorbing another loss, as Albert Camacho was struck out and Andrew Salas was beaten to first before they drew an RBI double from M.J. Sakisat and an unearned run. Roke Tenorio was next at bat and doubled, but missed sending the game in eighth inning, as he was beaten to third.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	73	53	.579	_
Tampa Bay	70	52	.574	1
Baltimore	67	56	.545	4 1/2
New York	64	59	.520	7 1/2
Toronto	57	67	.460	15

Central Division

Detroit	73	51	.589	_
Cleveland	66	58	.532	7
Kansas City	64	59	.520	8 1/2
Minnesota	54	68	.443	18
Chicago	49	74	.398	23 1/2

West Division

Texas	71	53	.573	_
Oakland	70	53	.569	1/2
Seattle	57	66	.463	13Ω
Los Angeles	55	68	.447	15 1/2
Houston	41	82	.333	29 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	76	48	.613	_
Washington	60	63	.488	15 1/2
New York	56	66	.459	19
Philadelphia	54	69	.439	21 1/2
Miami	47	75	.385	28

Central Division

Pittsburgh	72	51	.585	_
St. Louis	71	52	.577	1
Cincinnati	70	54	.565	2 1/2
Milwaukee	54	70	.435	18 1/2
Chicago	53	70	.431	19

West Division

Los Angeles	72	51	.585	_
Arizona	64	58	.525	7 1/2
Colorado	58	67	.464	15
San Diego	56	68	.452	16 1/2
San Francisco	55	68	.447	17

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oscar Pistorius indicted on murder charge

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP)—Oscar Pistorius was indicted Monday on charges of murder and illegal possession of ammunition for the shooting death of the double-amputee Olympian's girlfriend on Valentine's Day.

A Pretoria court set March 3 as the trial date for Pistorius, who has said he shot Reeva Steenkamp by mistake, believing she was an intruder in his home. Prosecutors, who allege he killed her after an argument, submitted a list of more than 100 witnesses for a trial that will be followed around the world.

Pistorius, 26, appeared in court for the indictment, and was seen crying and holding hands with his siblings before proceedings started. Steenkamp would have celebrated her 30th birthday on Monday.

The indictment papers served on Pistorius by the state mean the case will be sent to the High Court in Pretoria, the South African capital, where a judge will preside over the trial and ultimately pronounce the athlete innocent or guilty. South Africa does not have trial by jury.

The mandatory sentence for someone convicted of premeditated murder is life with a minimum of 25 years in prison, meaning if Pistorius is found guilty, he will be older than 50, at least, when he leaves prison. There is no death penalty in South Africa.

Police announced this month that they had completed their six-month investigation into Steenkamp's killing at Pistorius' upscale home in Pretoria in the pre-dawn hours of Feb. 14.

A statement, from the office of South Africa's national police commissioner, said detectives, forensic experts, ballistics experts, psychologists and technology experts all worked on the case and are confident that they have the evidence to convict Pistorius.

The most telling evidence may be in records on cellphones found at Pistorius' home and through examination of the toilet cubicle door through which Pistorius shot four bullets, hitting Steenkamp three times and killing her. The angle or trajectory of the bullets could show if Pistorius was standing on his stumps when he shot, as he says, or if he was on his prosthetics, as the prosecution maintains—a marked difference in the two accounts.

Pistorius was seen just twice in public between the time he was granted bail on Feb. 22 and a previous appearance in court on June 4. His family had announced he would return to a "low-key" track routine and he was seen jogging on his regular practice facility, and sporting a short beard, in late June.

A week ago, a South African newspaper published photographs of Pistorius on a beach during a holiday with friends. In the rare public appearance, Pistorius was wearing a white T-shirt and a life-vest as he paddled with another man in a kayak.

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a tough three-set game. Schorr and Ren drew first blood in the title game, 6-4, while the Vanuatu players bounced back in the second set with a 6-4 triumph. The deciding set was a back and forth match with Mainguy and Pechan outlasting the CNMI pair in an extended game, 10-7.

In the boys U15, Christopher Cajigan partnered with FSM's Terry Lee Rush-Apis and won two early matches to barge into the finals. Cajigan and Rush-Apish first topped the Solomon Islands' Joel Junior Benjamin and New Caledonia's Andy Duhaze, 6-3, 6-3, and then swept Tahiti's Manoa Desvignes and American Samoa's Juma Vigas, 6-1, 6-4, to notch the finals berth in the lower half bracket. The North Pacific duo went on to challenge top seeds Kevin Maukoloa of American Samoa and Christopher Shan of Tahiti and the latter pair won the finals, 6-3, 6-2.

The CNMI also played in the girls U15 doubles with Negahr Rastguiy and Tammy Ackerman teaming up with Palau's Ayana Rengiil and Tonga's Sisilia Laumanu Teu, respectively. Incidentally, the two pairs met in the semifinals with Ackerman and Teu prevailing, 6-1, 3-6, 10-4, before losing to Fiji's Ruby Coffin and Mulan Kamoe, 6-2, 6-2.

Completing the CNMI Junior National Team's impressive showing in the doubles were U18 finalists Amami Sakano and Jake Lee and The Minor and Mikayla Lopez. Lee and Sakano eliminated the Solomon Islands' Christino Fujiyama and Shivneel Chand, 6-1, 6-1, in the quarterfinals, and then stunned top-ranked Heve Kelley of Tahiti and the Cook Islands' Tamarua Payne in the semis, 6-3, 7-6 (4), to earn the right to face the second-seeded duo of Tito Bira of Kiribati and Robin Morove of Papua New Guinea. The ranked pair escaped the upset axe of Lee and Sakano with a three-set win, 6-2, 2-6, 10-5.

In the round-robin girls U18 doubles, Lopez and Minor finished with a 2-1 record to settle for the silver medal. The two CNMI players lost the title-deciding match to Vanuatu's Lorraine Bainimataku and Fiji's Annie Shannon, 2-6, 4-6, after beating PNG's Lorish Puluspene and FSM's Margarete Finnen, 6-2, 6-3, and Samoa's Loloma Ripley and Taumasina Keil, 6-2, 6-1.

Meanwhile, coach Jeff Race's players started their bid in the ITF Oceania Plate 2013 yesterday, but results of the opening matches were unavailable at press time.

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Placing second to PIN.net was One Shot, which rounded out the season with a 45-27 slate. The runner-up team has Randy Abreu, Ben Aizon, Wrene Alegre, Atoy Banting, Efren Cacdac, Gloria Omechelang, and Myrna Santos as members. One Shot had a winning percentage of 62.5 and gathered 52,516 pinfalls for an average of 791.

Joining PIN.net and One Shot in the Top 3 was D'Unknown, which is composed of Ron Cal, Raul Dumapit, Darwin Gonzales, Dannie Robles, Joe Sablan, Rene Cariaso, and Kathy Mersai. The third placer team registered a 41-31 record, 56.9 winning percentage, and 52,959 pinfalls for an average of 861.

The Top 3 finishers received trophy and cash prizes with $550 going PIN.net and $350 and $200 to One Shot and D'Unknown, respectively. Also taking home a cash prize was SBC's/J's Restaurant, which pocketed $100 for placing fourth.

SBC's/J's Restaurant, which owned a 39-33 card this season, has Edward Baluyan, Dianne Chong, Roger De Guzman, Willy Egipto, Percy Omechelang, Robert Talavera, Simeon Eparwa, Alex Castro, and Paul Pangelinan as members. SBC's/J's Restaurant notched 53,569 pinfalls this season and had a league second best average of 854.

The Top 4 teams got their awards and cash prizes during a brief ceremony last Saturday at the Saipan Bowling Center. PBA officials also recognized the top individual performers of the season. Leading the list were most improved players and individual high average winners Raymond Zapanta of Fiesta Resort & Spa and Gloria Omechelang. Omechelang also swept the high scratch game and series and handicap, while Talavera ruled the high scratch game and series, and Youth Bowlers' Ryan Batac prevailed in high handicap game and series categories.

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free layup off a Bubble Bxtt passing error from the backcourt. Now behind by only 2 with 23 seconds left, Jaime Mendoza advertently committed a foul in Jeralyn Castillo to stop the clock. Castillo was eventually given two free throws, plus possession, as Mendoza held on to her jersey and referee Gabriel White called it an advantage foul.

Castillo missed both charities, keeping Yoloswag Attack's hopes alive, as the former only needed to either steal the ball or give up another preemptive foul to regain the leather. However, Yoloswag Attack did neither, as Castillo managed to get away from her defenders before throwing up a prayer from the right sideline and making the bank triple as time expired.

Castillo top-scored for Bubble Bxtt with her 17 points. Her layup put Bubble Bxtt on top for the first time, 36-34, 10:14 left in the second half. Yoloswag Attack was stuck to 34 points for about three minutes to lose the driver's seat and eventually the title match.

Mikki Kautz and Friendly Joy Pena provided support to Castillo, adding 15 and 10 markers, respectively. Mendoza paced Yoloswag Attack with her 16 markers, while Lily Williams chipped in 12 and Lebria contributed 11.

Bubble Bxtt 56 – Castillo 17, Kautz 14, Pena 10, Alegre 4, Javier 4.

Yoloswag Attack 51 – Mendoza 16, Williams 12, Lebria 11, Kautz 8, Samson 2.

Scoring by halves: 11-27, 56-51.

Emon Lodge No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball League Awardees

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Mobil players and supporters pose with their trophies during the awards ceremony for the Emon Lodge No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball League 2013/Docomo Pacific Cup last Saturday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Jack Aranda, center, receives the fourth place trophy for AXE Proa from Emon Lodge's Bong Malasarte. Also in the photo is Emon Lodge' Edwin Arenas.

Finals MVP Jorge De Guzman hoists his trophy.

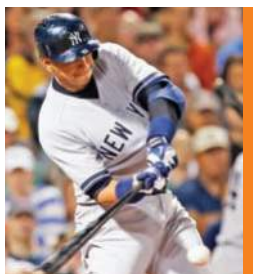
Don Brennan gets the Team Sportsmanship Award for the Blazers.

Mariana Resort coach Boy Garcia, fifth from right, receives the runner-up trophy.

The Mythical Team, from left, Armatech's Ken McCain, Mariana Resort's Elgene Mangali, PIC's Bart Demapan, Mariana Resort's Leo Galarse, and Mobil's Freddie Pelisamen.

Pacific Islands Club players pose with their third place trophy.

Coach of the Year Marvin Deocares of Mobil shakes hand with Bong Malasarte.



A-Rod HBP then hits HR in Yanks' 9-6 win over Sox

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CNMI hauls gold, 5 silver medals in doubles

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The CNMI also showed its might in the doubles competition of the 2013 ITF Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji.

After making it to the finals of three singles events, the Commonwealth's junior tennis players marched into the championship games of all six doubles contests and went on to win one gold medal and five silver over the weekend.

The duo of Carol Lee and Tania Tan gave the CNMI its second gold medal in POJC after ruling the girls U12 doubles. The favored Commonwealth players advanced into the finals after dominating the Federated States of Micronesia's Anne Skilling and Tilda Tollenoa, 6-1, 6-0. Then in the finals, Lee and Tan foiled the upset bid of Tahiti's Naia Guitton and Lea Lamorelle with an impressive 6-2, 6-0 victory.

The CNMI also played in the boys U12 doubles finals, but Michael Ren and Robbie Schorr lost to Vanuatu's Clement Mainguy and Ben Pechan in

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The CNMI's Carol Lee, left, and Tania Tan pose for a photo during a break in the 2013 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji last week. The duo gave the CNMI its second gold medal after winning the girls U12 doubles.

Bubble Bxtt rules Kanoa women's caging

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Bubble Bxtt's Marie Javier drives to the baseline against Yoloswag Attack's Lily Williams during the fourth quarter of their title game in the Kanoa caging last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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Bubble Bxtt bagged the championship in the 2013 Kanoa Resort Women's Basketball Summer League after defeating Yoloswag Attack, 56-51, in the one-game finals last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

It was a come-from-behind title win for Bubble Bxtt's, which faced a 16-point deficit at halftime before managing to grab the lead midway in the second half and surviving Yoloswag Attack's late rally to clinch the championship trophy.

Yoloswag Attack launched its own comeback bid in the last two minutes of the fourth canto, trimming Bubble Bxtt's 10-point advantage to a deuce, 51-53. Bubble Bxtt had a chance to put away the game for good when it posted its biggest lead at the 53-43 tally, but went trigger happy in the closing minutes of the finals, opting to take shots instead of melting down the clock. Bubble Bxtt missed all those attempts, while Kaylani Lebria scored a string of 8 points to threaten Bubble Bxxt.

Lebria started the blast with a triple, followed by an and-1 play, and then a

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PIN.net wins Budweiser Saturday Night League

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PIN.net topped the 49th Philippine Bowling Association-Budweiser Saturday Night League, besting seven other teams in the 18-week competition.

PIN.net finished the season with a 49-23 win-loss record for a winning percentage of 68.1. The champion team, which is composed of Raymond Angeles, Ferdee Generoso, Allan Hernandez, Richard Leong, Ricky Moscoso, Rusty Musca, Joel Ranjo, and Eric Rabang, collected 53,442 pinfalls this season, averaged 837 per game, and earned the league's best high game score (1,063), handicap game (1,185), high series (2,907), and handicap series (3,273).

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Players of PIN.net pose with their medals and trophy during the awards ceremony for the 49th PBA-Budweiser Saturday Night Bowling League last Saturday at the Saipan Bowling Center.